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INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON

Adverse Action of the House Special Committee on the Pacific Railroad—The Proposed Territory of Columna—Important Decision of the Supreme Court—Kansas Expenses, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

The House Special Committee on the Pacific Railroad this morning voted down all propositions looking to its construction, leaving, to be acted upon by the Committee, only Mr. STEVENSON's resolution, "that it is impolitic to embark in the construction of any road at this time."

The Interior Department has been called upon by the Territorial Committee of the House for information concerning the proposed new Territory of "Columna," or "Platte." The reply will be communicated to-morrow, and embodies the following information: One year ago no whites were within the proposed boundaries, except a few trappers. The gold discoveries of last year attracted a large number, about five hundred of whom Wintered there. In the coming Spring many thousands will no doubt go out, and a Government will be necessary. The country is mountainous, unfit for agricultural purposes, and subject to violent hail-storms every year. Gold is found on the eastern, and no doubt will be on the western slope of the mountains. The Mexican Mining laws are recommended for the adoption of Congress. The Indians are numerous, but have not fixed houses—are nomadic in their habits. Small reservations are recommended, but no money annuities. The Indians as a mass are not so well off as they were half a century ago, even after spending fifty millions upon them. The efforts to civilize them have resulted in making them miserable paupers. The Department urges the necessity of teaching them to labor. This report suggests "Montana" as an appropriate name for the proposed Territory. Mr. STEPHENS prefers the name of "Platte."

The Supreme Court to-day, in the case of QUIGLEY against the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, decided negatively the long-mooted question whether a civil action for libel can be maintained against Corporations. The Court reversed the judgment of the Circuit Court at Baltimore, when the plaintiff recovered a verdict of $5,000 against the defendant.

Indications to-day are decided that the Administration cannot unite two-thirds of its nominal friends in Congress in favor of SLIDELL's Thirty-Million bill.

[FROM THE REPORTER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

The expenses of the United States Supreme Court for the last five years, exclusive of the Judges' salaries, amount to $112,509, of which over $21,000 has been paid to the clerk.

There were comparatively few members in the House to-day during the delivery of the funeral eulogies, which consumed about two hours.

It appears from a public document that the amounts paid and incurred by the Executive of Kansas on account of extraordinary expenditures were by Governor GEARY, $690; by Governor WALKER, $4,406; and by Governor DENVER, $1,243, together with $697. The Secretary of State recommends an appropriation to meet the indebtedness.

The resolution of Mr. PHELPS, of Missouri, providing for night-sessions merely for the delivery of buncombe speeches, was passed by a large majority. This is intended to facilitate the transaction of the business of the House in the earlier part of the day, when it will be insisted that the discussion shall be strictly confined to the measures legitimately before that body.

Mr. CLEMENS, who was wounded in the duel with Mr. WISE, is still unable to walk or leave his room. His strength has been so reduced by suffering and confinement, that in all probability he will not resume his seat in Congress during the present session. He came to Washington to try the effect of change of association.

Our Washington Correspondence.

THE CHANCES OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD BILL—THE PUBLIC LANDS—THE PHILADELPHIA MACHINERY CONTRACT—MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 15, 1859.

Although the Senate has refused to lay the Pacific Railroad bill upon the table, by a vote of 30 to 27, the indications begin to be very decided that it will finally be rejected. The only shadow of hope for carrying the measure during the present session, has seemed to rest upon the policy of sticking to the original bill, substantially, as reported from the Select Committee. Such at least is the opinion of the true and earnest friends of the Pacific Railroad who discussed this point fully in the meetings of the Committee before the report was agreed upon. It has appeared, hitherto, impossible to secure votes enough to carry it through, unless the bill upon its face avoids the designation of the route which it shall follow. But while no Southern man will touch the bill unless it leaves open a possible chance to the South to secure the route, so there are also Northern Senators who will withhold their votes from it at last, unless it restricts the Eastern terminus so as to secure a Northern route, or one north of the 37th parallel and several of the latter are among those who voted against laying the bill upon the table. Thus the chances of the ultimate passage of the pending measure are becoming very slight. If it should happen to pass, it will be because gentlemen who heartily disapprove the *plan* of the bill, do not like to accept the responsibility of defeating it.

If Congress was divided upon this question into only two sections, it would be a comparatively easy matter to carry a bill through providing for the construction of the work upon a certain stated Northern or Central route. But, unfortunately, the North and Northwest are also divided almost as hopelessly as the North and the South. Missouri insisting that St. Louis should be the grand terminus East, and Iowa and Minnesota, and their neighbors, claiming that points within *their* borders are far better suited to that purpose. It is very unfortunate that local interests are permitted to over-ride and defeat considerations of such vast national importance. Cannot some plan be devised which shall compel men, in this instance, at least, to forego such petty selfishness, and vote upon national considerations rather than local jealousies? Would it not be well for some one now to bring forward at once a bill for the construction of the proposed road, distinctly prescribing the route—and that a Central or Northern route—with a view to testing practically the question whether such a bill can command the support of all the Free State and Missouri Representatives who profess to favor a Pacific Railroad? Such a bill might name two routes—one from any point on the Missouri River, *via* Great Salt Lake City, to California, and another from the Upper Mississippi to Puget's Sound, with branches to the Valley of Salt Lake, and to San Francisco,—and leave the bidders for the construction to decide which they will follow. Such a proposition would probably lose four of the votes yesterday given for the pending bill; but it ought to secure *five* of those who voted to lay on the table—with this additional advantage that it would command these thirty-one votes all the time,—whereas, of the thirty, there are several who cannot be relied upon as the case stands. The chief difficulty would be in the House of Representatives, where it is almost impossible to get up a Pacific Railroad bill, except by a two-third vote. This difficulty could be obviated, however, when the bill now pending in the House is reached, by moving the new project as a substitute.

There is still another plan that might receive favorable attention,—and that is one for the *commencement* of the great work. A road from the Missouri River up the north bank of the Platte, for a distance of five hundred miles, could be laid directly upon the sod, and for a trifling cost. This would shorten, by so much, the route to Salt Lake, and the travel to be achieved by overland emigration. It would also open up to settlement the fine agricultural districts of the Black Hills region, and so begin to build up future way-business for the Pacific Railroad. eminent engineers have estimated that the track can be laid along the Platte at the rate of a mile per day,—and at an expense much less than the cost per mile of any existing railroad in the United States. If Congress will but authorize this commencement of the work it will greatly facilitate communication with Salt Lake, pay for itself in a few years by the saving in transportation of men and supplies for the Utah army, bring the Mormon population within easier reach of the Federal arm, encourage overland emigration to California by shortening the distance to be traveled by teams, and lead to the certain authorization or the completion of the road to California within a few years, while this partial construction of the road will also have saved just so much time in the completion of the whole. Let us hope that some new and practical effort of this kind will be essayed to obtain the immediate authorization of the work in whole or in part.

The House Committee on Public Lands have determined to report adversely upon Mr. GROW's bill to withhold public land from sale until after it shall have been surveyed and open to settlement for five or ten years. The object of this measure was to give actual settlers upon the public lands ample opportunity to file their preëmptions, and thus to encourage their settlement, instead of letting them pass at once into the hands of speculators, who put up the prices upon them, and compel the farmers to pay them usurious advances upon the original cost. Such a bill would sadly interfere with the speculative operations of a host of Members of Congress, their friends, and various Federal officials, who, in years past, have availed themselves of "early information," obtained through favoritism, to secure any quantity of valuable pickings, in the way of good localities for town sites, mill seats, &c. The Committee could not be expected to cut all this off, so all of its members, except the single Republican, voted to suppress the *bill*.

The contest over the contract for constructing machinery for the sloop-of-war building at Philadelphia, has been confirmed to REANEY, NEAFIE & Co., notwithstanding the gross irregularity (if nothing worse) exposed in the award by General NORRIS. This result was to have been expected, for the simple reason that to reverse the award in the face of the action of the Secretary of the Navy, would have been to convict a member of the Cabinet of conduct reflecting seriously upon the general Administration. Gen. NORRIS should now perform a public duty by giving an authoritative *exposé* of the whole transaction. The fact that the Secretary, when first approached by him, concealed the fact that he had ordered the Chief Engineer to pursue the course adopted by him, would seem to show quite conclusively that the Secretary knew the cause of complaint to be a just one, else why conceal it until the complainant had produced his evidence to sustain the statement upon which his complaint was based? It is established that NORRIS' drawings, put in under seal with his bid, and constituting part of the latter, were in the hands of his competitor, and that the latter's bid was accepted, although $13,000 the highest. That there was collusion in the Department to favor one bidder and injure another, would seem to be very evident; but the President, in these days, could not well afford to see that justice was done.

The election of General MIRAMON to the chieftainship of the Anti-Liberals of Mexico has very summarily disposed of Gen. ROBLES' chances for securing the leadership in Mexican politics. These sudden changes exhibit in the strongest light the weakness of the opposition, and the relative strength of the Liberal party. MIRAMON's achievement of the questionable honors of his present position brings no accession of strength to his party. He has the army to support him; but so had ZULOAGA and ROBLES. Of the army, they were each and all sure, for so deeply compromised are its officers by their participation in the unconstitutional and illegal attempts at usurpation which have marked the opponents of the Constitutionalists during the last year, that they could not hope for anything at the hands of the latter unless they effected terms of capitulation. So nothing whatever has been gained by the substitution of MIRAMON for ROBLES, while the fact affords another evidence that the legatees of the Zuloaga party are tottering rapidly towards ruin. S.

THE CAUCUS OF DEMOCRATIC SENATORS—CODIFYING THE REVENUE LAWS—THE PENNSYLVANIA-AVENUE RAILROAD—ARIZONA, ETC.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 16, 1859.

More than usual caution is observed in relation to the proceedings of a caucus of Democratic Senators held yesterday, at which, by the way, Mr. DOUGLAS was present, participating in its discussions. It is whispered, somewhat obscurely, however, that the subject before the caucus was the pending proposition of Senator SLIDELL for the appropriation of $30,000,000, to be placed at the disposal of the President, to enable him to conduct and conclude negotiations for the purchase of Cuba. It is also said that Senators varied widely in their views of the policy of the measure, and the practicability of effecting any good by its adoption, and that some hints or insinuations were ventured, to create the impression that the President has a plan of action which $30,000,000 cash in hand will be likely to make effective. Of course this was dangerous diplomatic ground to tread upon, and could not have been ventured very far. Certainly the prospect was not made bright enough to captivate the caucus, as an adjournment was effected without any conclusion having been arrived at. It is not improbable that Mr. BUCHANAN has some intrigue on foot which he thinks *may* lead to acquisition of the coveted island. Why not let him try, *provided* he is allowed to spend none of the money until the bargain is actually closed?

The House of Representatives spent most of its time, yesterday, upon the long pending bill codifying the Revenue Laws, and for other purposes. This bill forms a good sized volume, and never will be read by a tithe of those whose votes must decide its fate. Some measure revising the laws in question, and putting them into something like systematic shape, is evidently much needed: and whenever passed must be taken very much upon faith that the Committee of Commerce, who matured it, have considered its provisions carefully, and made them about what they ought to be. The pending bill, among other wise provisions, substitutes a tax upon tonnage for the dues now collected of seamen in the shape of hospital money, &c. It also proposes an apprentice system on board of merchant ships, with a view to raising competent American sailors; but this is so violently opposed by the shipping interest that it will be stricken out of the bill. Among the speeches made yesterday was one by Mr. COMINS, of Massachusetts, in support of the measure, which was marked by much practical common sense, and a creditable exposition of the views of the Committee on Commerce, of which Mr. C. is a member.

The New-York speculators who seek to get a grant from Congress for the construction of a railroad through Pennsylvania-avenue, are likely to fail. The railroad certainly would be a convenient and desirable improvement: but it ought not to be allowed to become the foot-ball of a speculation merely, as the New-Yorkers desire to make it. It is very clear that the parties whose bill is now pending in the Senate, seek the grant only to sell out again to parties who will make a poor road, stock it inefficiently and shabbily, and grab all the money they can scrape out of it, with the smallest possible pretext of serving the public convenience.

The grant should be given to solid practical men of capital, having interests in the District, the means to put down the track promptly, and keep it in fine repair, and who will bind themselves to specific stipulations for the service of the public, such as will secure us from the impositions of a monopoly. I understand, that within a day or two a proposition will be laid before Congress from responsible citizens of Washington, who possess the qualifications mentioned, will submit to the most rigid exactions for the public service, will agree to have the road completed within sixty days from the passage of the grant, and will stipulate to make suitable return to the District for the valuable franchise conferred upon them. Surely an honest Congress cannot hesitate between the two propositions.

Gov. BROWN denies having recommended to Congress any changes in the Postal System with a view to making his Department self-sustaining. He states that the Senate called upon him to say *how* that end could be accomplished, and that he simply answered their question, without in the least committing himself to any such recommendations: on the contrary he maintains that he took special pains to guard against the supposition that he intended to make *any* recommendation upon the subject.

I met here yesterday a merchant from Fort Fillmore, in the proposed Territory of Arizona, of whom I made some inquiry in relation to the mining advantages of that region. He fully confirms all that has been said of their richness. The Stephenson silver mine, to which I made reference in a recent letter, is almost within gun-shot of his residence; and he states that it is beyond doubt one of the finest silver mines in the world. He informs me further that a company has been fully organized to work it, with capital sufficient to develop its resources to great advantage. Several other mines in the same vicinity are also being taken up by the right sort of men to bring out their rich treasures.

The Arizona Territorial bill may be taken up during the present week. Of course its passage will add largely, at once, to the value of property in the Territory, because it will insure to capital and labor adequate protection of law and government.

I learn that the lecture of Lieutenant MOWRY, which was to have come off before the Geographical Society at New-York, on Thursday evening next, will be postponed until the first Thursday in February. S.

XXXVth Congress---Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

The Senate Chamber was crowded to excess to hear Mr. DOUGLAS pronounce a eulogy on Mr. HARRIS, of Illinois.

Mr. SEWARD, of New-York, presented the credentials of Mr. WILSON, reëlected from Massachusetts, and also the following resolution, which was adopted:

That the Secretary of the Treasury communicate to the Senate, as fully as it may be in his power to do, the number of American vessels which are engaged directly in the palm oil trade on the coast of Africa, the average number of their voyages annually, their tonnage, the nature and value of their exports and imports, and the amount of duties derived by them from the Treasury of the United States.

Mr. SHIELDS, of Minnesota, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Territories to inquire into the expediency of organizing that portion of the original Territory of Minnesota lying west of the new State, which was adopted.

Mr. YULEE presented a petition from KUNHARDT & Co., and other agents of steamship lines between New-York and Europe, praying for a modification of the laws relating to exportations for the benefit of the drawback. Referred to the Committee on Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. HALE, a joint resolution appointing Commodore STEWART senior flag officer in the Navy was taken up.

Mr. HUNTER, of Virginia, called for the yeas and nays, and it was adopted, 37 against 14.

Mr. IVERSON, of Georgia, moved to take the motion from the table to appoint Friday of each week for the consideration of private bills. Agreed to.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Tennessee, moved to take from the table his resolution, directing the Committee on Finance to report a bill in accordance therewith, to limit the expenditures of the Government within the revenue.

Mr. HUNTER, Chairman of the Finance Committee, objected to the subject being referred to his Committee.

Mr. GWIN, of California, moved that it be referred to a select Committee.

The subject was debated over one hour, the point of issue being whether to send it to the Committee on Finance, or a Special Committee, but action was stopped by a message from the House, announcing Mr. HARRIS' death.

Mr. DOUGLAS, to the evident disappointment of nearly two thousand spectators, who expected to hear an extempore oration, read in a low tone of voice, a brief sketch of the life and public services of the deceased.

Messrs. SHIELDS and DAVIS followed in eulogy, after which the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

On motion of Mr. PHELPS, of Missouri, it was resolved that during the ensuing two weeks from to-day it shall be in order for the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union to take a recess till 7 o'clock for general debate only.

Mr. STEPHENS, of Georgia, moved that Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week be set apart for the consideration of territorial business.

Mr. MORGAN, of New-York, objected, unless a proviso be attached that subjects in regard to the admission of new States be excluded.

Mr. STEPHENS remarked that that would be for the majority of the House to determine.

Mr. MORGAN—Then I object to the introduction of the resolution.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, announced the death of Mr. HARRIS, of that State, pronouncing a eulogy on his private and public worth.

Messrs. CLARK, of New-York; LAMAR, of Mississippi; WASHBURN, of Illinois; ADRAIN and STEWART of Maryland, added their mournful tributes. The usual resolutions of respect were passed, and the House adjourned.

THE REVOLUTION IN HAYTI.

Interesting Details relative to the Movement of the Revolutionists—General Jeffard Provisional President, &c.

BOSTON, Monday, January 17.

A passenger in the schooner *North Wind*, at this port, furnishes interesting details of the new movement in Hayti.

For some time it has been supposed at Gonaives that a political rising was intended.

On the afternoon of December 22 four armed individuals landed on the beach and entering Gonaives galloped at once to La Placa, the residence of the Governor, where JEFFARD demanded an entrance of the sentinel, and that the cry of "Vive la Republique" should be raised, which demands the sentinel refused to comply with. JEFFARD and his companions then frightened the sentinel of the jail into a liberation of about forty political prisoners, who joined JEFFARD. The whole party returning to the Governor's residence summoned him to surrender to the forces of liberty and the Republic. He acceded to their demands and resigned. The strong part of the town was now in possession of JEFFARD who was joined by all the military and town people. They then marched to a palace belonging to SOULOUQUE, where a deputation met them and proclaimed the Republic of Hayti with JEFFARD as provisional head.

On Thursday, Dec. 23, the Republic was publicly proclaimed in the Grand Square, and JEFFARD named Provisional President, which office he accepted. Governor BARTHOLOMEW gave in his submission, and, after a grand solemnization by the Church, the new Constitution was signed by the late authorities of the principal cities.

The forces of JEFFARD were augmented by citizens of Gonaives, and the fortified town of St. Marcs was taken possession of without opposition. Here they were to remain and recruit until they were strong enough to meet the forces of SOULOUQUE in the field, or assail him at Port-au-Prince.

The insurrection was spreading north and south. Various decrees had been issued, one of which revives and puts in force the Constitution of 1846, and provides for the calling of a Legislature by President JEFFARD.

Decrees had also been promulgated releasing all political prisoners; increasing the rations of soldiers, and ordering the destruction of the fort of Gonaives.

A decree had also been issued, headed "The Republic of Hayti," which, in the name of the nation, deprives SOULOUQUE of all power. It also characterizes his administration as nothing but a series of robberies.

From New-Mexico and the Plains.

ST. LOUIS, Monday, Jan. 17.

The New-Mexican mail of the 27th ult., reached Independence yesterday. It was packed on mules the most of the way, in consequence of bad roads. The New-Mexican Legislature elected AUGUSTUS DEMERELL Public Printer *vice* S. M. MOSS. Nothing had been heard of the missing Neosho Mail party. Governor RENCHER, in a special message, says, that the armistice with the Navajos amounts to nothing, as it does not provide for the surrender of the murderers of Major BROOKS' servant, nor payment for him.

The Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and the Commander of the Military Department, say they will consent to no peace upon the terms of the armistice. They will require the return of the private and public property taken during the war, and the establishment of a line, east of which the Indians shall neither plant, nor graze stock.

ST. LOUIS, Monday, Jan. 17—P. M.

A dispatch from Independence to the *Republican*, says that just as the New-Mexican mail was leaving Santa Fé an express arrived announcing the safe arrival of the missing Neoha mail party to Albuquerque.

U. S. Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

Horatio F. Averill, of New-York, and Dennis F Murphey, of Philadelphia, were admitted as counselors.

No. 32.—The Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company *vs.* Philip Quigley.—Error to the Circuit Court of Maryland. Justice CAMPBELL delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the judgment, with costs, and remanding the cause, with direction to award *venire facias de novo*.

No. 29.—Daniel H. Lownsdale *et al.vs.* Josiah L. Parrish.—Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of Oregon. Justice CATRON delivered the opinion of the Court, dismissing the cause for want of jurisdiction.

No. 40.—The United States *vs.* Michael Nye.—Argument concluded for the appellants.

No. 43.—The United States *vs.* Nathaniel Bassett.—Argument commenced for the appellants; continued for appellee.

Explosion of a Powder Mill.

PORTLAND, Me., Monday, Jan. 17.

The Kernelling mills of the Gotham Powder Works, containing 80 kegs of powder, blew up on Saturday afternoon, killing Mr. DAVID R. JONES. The mills were owned by G. G. NEWHALL & Co., of Salem, Mass.

Loss of the Ship Oxnard, of Boston.

HAMPTON ROADS, Monday, Jan. 17.

The ship *Oxnard*, of Boston, from Cardiff, bound to San Francisco, coal laden, sprung a leak in a gale off Cape Horn, and was abandoned. The crew were saved by the ship *Chariot of Fame*, Capt. KNOWLES, now in the Roads.

Fire in Portsmouth, Va.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Monday, Jan. 17.

The Portsmouth Literary Hall was burned on Sunday morning, causing a loss of $4,000. The Ocean House was damaged to the amount of $1,500.

The State Military Association.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 17.

The State Military Association meet here to-morrow, when the annual address will be delivered by General BENTLEY, of Madison County.

The Thorndike Will Case.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

The Thorndike will case has been postponed till Monday.

The Steamship Pacific.

BOSTON, Monday, Jan. 17.

The steamer *Pacific*, from New-York, for St. Johns, N. F., was spoken 9th inst. No latitude and longitude.

The Steamship North American.

PORTLAND, Sunday, Jan. 16.

The steamship *North American* left to-day for Portsmouth, N. H., to repair.

AFFAIRS AT ALBANY.

A Homœopathic College for your City—Effort to Prevent the Quarantine Commissioners from "putting their foot into it"—Proposals to Pay Jurors, to Amend the Excise Laws, to make City Charter-Revising Easy, and to give Legislators One Home at least.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 17.

In the Senate, to-day, the acts incorporating the Mercantile Library Association and to prevent and punish prize-fighting had their third reading. Senator PATTERSON offered joint resolutions amendatory of the State Constitution with reference to County Judges and Surrogates in the rural parts of the State. Senator HALSTED offered a joint resolution expressive to Congress of the State's objection to any increase of the rates of postage. Without doing much else the Senate adjourned.

The Assembly was somewhat surprised to find not only a quorum, but a good working majority on hand after the morning prayer and reading of the Journal. It did not take long to get into Committee of the Whole, where several short bills were waiting to be read. Among these there was one incorporating a Hahneemann College of Medicine. When introduced, instead of being referred to the Medical Committee, as would be natural, it was sent to the Judiciary. The lawyers, seeing that the little pills were not unconstitutional, reported it early, and the Committee of the Whole took it up. A member from Kings moved to rise and report it, with a view to recommit to the Medical Committee. This carried, but on getting into the house, that body, considering itself entirely competent to judge of the matter, both refused to discharge the Committee or hand it over to the doctors. So that it stands where it stood in the morning, and amendments are practicable yet. It permits the College to graduate homœopathic students on rather short notice, and to swell the list of M. D's at a rate that will frighten the community. There was some jocosity over the bill, and some serious objections were urged.

The Quarantine matter reappeared this morning. A bill introduced by Mr. TUTHILL was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and at a later hour reported, and given two readings. It simply provides for the repeal of the Quarantine Act of 1857, and its sole object is to prevent further complication of the (already delicate enough) questions concerning the removal of Quarantine, by the hasty contracting of the present Commissioners for the building of an island on Old Orchard Shoals. Concurrent resolutions were offered by Mr. TUTHILL providing for the appointment of two Senators and three Assemblymen to coöperate with three Commissioners, to be appointed by the Governor, to confer with the New-Jersey authorities for the purpose of securing a site for Quarantine, and to report at the earliest practicable day to the Legislature. This differs from Senator DIVEN's resolution by making the Legislative Committee one less, and in giving them no power to report a plan of removal, in case the project of obtaining Sandy Hook fall through—for are any more "plans" wanted? Owing to the absence of the member from Richmond the resolution was withdrawn.

Among the petitions presented was one by Mr. GARDNER, against excluding the Long Island Railroad from Brooklyn; and one by Mr. WIGGINS, for establishing a ferry communication between Greenport and Shelter Island—to give the monopoly to JONATHAN PRESTON for ten years.

Mr. RUTHERFORD introduced a bill providing for the compensation of jurors on civil trials in New-York. Mr. WILSON—the modest and worthy member from Kings, who for nine consecutive years sat in the Board of Aldermen, and, on his last year, presided over the Board,—introduced a bill requiring Senators and members of Assembly to reside in the districts which they are chosen to represent another requiring Savings' Banks to report the amount of deposits remaining unclaimed for ten years; and another providing that the majority of any Common Council may order a convention to amend its charter, the delegates (in New-York) to consist of four from each Aldermanic District. Mr. WINTERMUTE introduced a bill to amend the Excise Act. It empowers municipal officers to prosecute for violation of the Excise act, and that recoveries shall be a bar against any action by the Excise Commissioners. Appropriates the fines to the poor.

Mr. MORRIS introduced a bill to regulate the assessment of taxes on encumbered real estate. It exempts mortgages from taxation, and provides that the tax paid by the holders of mortgaged property, shall be credited on the first payment due on said mortgage.

GLAUCUS.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 17.

The only business of interest done was the introduction of a joint resolution requiring our Representatives in Congress to oppose an increase of the rates of postage.

The bill to punish prize fighting was passed.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 17.

BILLS REPORTED.

In relation to criminal indictments. Favorably.

To authorize notaries public and attorneys to act as Commissioners of Deeds. Favorably.

To prevent frauds on the canal revenues. Unfavorably.

To make surveyors Commissioners of Deeds. Unfavorably.

BILLS NOTICED.

By Mr. CONKLIN, to prevent unsafe buildings for better security against fires in New-York, and organizing a Board for the government of the Fire Department.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD, to provide one dollar a day compensation to petit jurors in New-York, and five dollars additional fees to the Clerks of Courts for each cause to be tried by Jury.

By Mr. WILSON, requiring a report within one year of unclaimed deposits in Savings Banks, for the past ten years, from the Superintendent of the Banking Department.

Also, to require Senators and Assemblymen to be residents of the Districts in which they are elected.

Also, providing that a Common Council may, by a majority, order a Convention to amend their city charter, to consist of not less than four Delegates from each Ward, or in New-York of four Delegates from each Aldermanic District.

By Mr. TUTHILL, to repeal the act for the removal of Quarantine. Mr. TUTHILL had unanimous consent to report this bill favorably from the Committee on Commerce. It was also sent to Committee of the Whole by unanimous consent.

The Speaker announced the following as the Committee on the equalization of the taxation of the State: Messrs. MOULTON, FULLER, RAMSEY, STEWART and VAN CORTLANDT.

THE LOST SHIP MARGARET TYSON.

Statement of the Only Survivor to the Owners in this City.

The owners of the above ship—Capt. TYSON, and Messrs. BOYD and HINCKEN—have gathered such facts as it was possible to draw out of the young man KENNEDY concerning her loss, and have prepared the customary "Protest" upon the strength of these statements on which to found their claim for insurance. This vessel was regarded as "a first-class risk," and consequently a small amount only was insured upon her, some $15,000, while her value, including her freight money, was estimated at nearly $90,000.

The only survivor proves to be the person shipped as "PATRICK KENNEDY—boy," while he says his true name is WILLIAM. The discrepancy in the name is owing to the fact that Captain MORRISON himself placed the name on the shipping articles as "PATRICK," not knowing what his Christian name was. KENNEDY was employed on board the ship as a porter, while she was loading in the North River, and by the persuasions of a Mr. DOWDLE, the temporary shipkeeper, he was taken for the voyage at $6 per month. KENNEDY had never been to sea since he came from Ireland, and knew literally nothing of nautical affairs excepting what he learned upon the canal. His statements are, consequently, very much confused concerning this disastrous shipwreck and loss of life. Upon his arrival here he was immediately recognized by Mr. DOWDLE as the young man whom he had persuaded Captain MORRISON to take with him on the voyage to San Francisco. The *Margaret Tyson* sailed from New-York on the 26th of August, having on board some 1,600 tons of anthracite coal, and drawing about 21 feet of water. Nevertheless, it appears her owners considered her as "light," and a slight circumstance, only, prevented them from adding another boat-load to her cargo.

The severe gale in which the ship was lost, KENNEDY thinks, began about the third week after leaving port. While carrying sail the ship appears to have labored heavily, and commenced to leak. The pumps were manned. As the gale increased almost to a hurricane, the ship was partly hove down, and the cargo shifted. The crew were nearly all sent below to trim the coal to windward, and kept at work all night. This was on a Saturday. The ship did not right, however, and the crew were ordered out of the hold, and placed at the pumps. The sea broke over the ship, washing the spars fore and aft about deck, and staving in the "lazarette," or the forward part of the after house, letting large quantities of water into the ship's hold. There were six boats in all on board; two were forward, one on each side of the house. These were stove by the sea, and rendered useless. Two were turned bottom up on the gallows frame, and two others hung by the quarter davits, or were stowed in the chocks on the after-house. The pump-brake gave out, and while they were repairing it, a tremendous sea threw the ship on her beam ends. The order was then given to cut away the main and mizzen masts, which was soon done, the spars in their fall staving the two boats on the gallows frame. About the same time one of the quarter-boats was struck by a sea and stove. Finding that the ship was fast settling down, the only remaining boat was launched in safety, and eight of the seamen got into it. KENNEDY says Capt. MORRISON told the crew "he would go down with the ship." This boat was capsized alongside, and all were drowned excepting KENNEDY, who climbed on board again. A sea now broke over the ship carrying away the forward deck-house, and being swept off by the same sea, KENNEDY and four others gained this piece of the wreck, which must have been 35 feet long, and got on to it. In a short time, KENNEDY alleges he saw the ship go down, carrying with her all who remained on board. This, according to KENNEDY's account, was upon a Sunday. How long the gale continued he does not state, and, in fact, their daily experience upon this raft appears to be wrapt in oblivion, except that one after another of his companions perished by starvation and thirst. On being asked how long he was alone on the wreck, he replied: "I was not alone at all—the dead man was there!" He denies, however, having subsisted upon his dead companion, and alleges that before his friend died he tried to bite a piece out of his, (KENNEDY's,) leg. He says he caught water in his shoes when it rained, and lived upon several fish which were thrown upon their raft. He knows but little about being rescued by the *Oread*; he only knew that he found himself on board the vessel and safe. He says he was 17 days on the wreck.

The date of the arrival of the *Oread* at Fayal is not known. He was three weeks in the hospital, at that place, before being put on board the bark *Azov*, for Boston. It is believed that the *Margaret Tyson* was lost in the memorable gale of the 16th of September. Nothing further will probably ever be heard of her.

Destructive Fire in Duane-street.

OVER $30,000 LOSS—EXPERIMENT WITH THE STEAM FIRE-ENGINE.

About 10½ o'clock last evening a fire was discovered in one of the upper floors of the large six-story brick building, No. 68 Duane-street, occupied by different persons as manufactories. In a few minutes after the fire was discovered the whole upper portion of the building was wrapped in flames. The firemen were promptly on hand, and used every exertion to save the building, but it was of no avail. Owing to the inflammable nature of a portion of the material stored in the building the fire made a grand display. The sky was illuminated, and the locality of the conflagration could be seen at a considerable distance. In about two hours after the fire started the whole building was destroyed.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the fire was extinguished, it was with great difficulty that the reporters obtained any information, and it was found utterly impossible to get a detailed statement of the amount of losses and insurance. The following were among the principal occupants:

J. & O. GALLAGHER, brass finishers; loss about $500: no insurance.

H. BEAUMONT, morocco-case manufacturer; loss about $800; insured.

KOHLER & SCHWEITZER, machinists.

WM. GIX, manufacturer of soda-water apparatus occupied the first floor; loss about $5,000, and partially insured.

The second floor was occupied by [illegible] KOHLER, machinist, and C. H. WHITING, wood-turner. Their loss is between $3,000 and $4,000.

VIRGIL PRICE, manufacturer of masonic emblems and silver-plater, occupied the third floor, and his loss will be about $6,000, and is supposed to be insured.

The entire fourth floor was occupied by R. JAMES as a steam laundry, and his loss is quite heavy.

There were seven other occupants, whose names we are unable to give.

Immediately on the alarm of fire being given, and as soon as it was apparent that the fire would be a large one, a large crowd of persons assembled at the house of the Exempt Engine, in Centre-street, opposite Howard-street, in order to witness the departure of the smaller of the two steam engines bought by the City a short time since. For over a week steam had been kept up on the engine, the "John G. Storm," but unluckily there had been some repairs made to it yesterday, and no fire had been built. At about 17 minutes of 11, fire was started in the engine. Owing to the smallness of the house in which the machine was placed, there was a difficulty in getting a proper draught, and it was 45 minutes before the engine started for the scene of the conflagration. The route was through Howard-street to Broadway, and thence to the corner of Broadway and Duane-street, where the machine halted. The time was about five minutes from the Exempt Engine-house to the corner of Broadway and Duane-street, and on the route several horses were much frightened at the sight of the machine as it rushed along, belching forth a shower of sparks, and leaving a trail of fire behind it. On arriving at the fire none of the Engine Companies would yield their streams to the steamer, and she was compelled to remain idle until about 1 o'clock, when a stream was put on, and after several attempts the experiment was given up as fruitless, in consequence of the hose bursting—being unable to stand the immense pressure. The hose that is used with these engines is hempen, and hence the trial with leather hose can not be called a fair test. On starting away from the Exempt Engine-house, owing to a fault in steering the machine she ran into the side of the building and tore away the doors and a portion of the wall. Many of the firemen called last night's experiment a failure, but those of experience and good judgment thought all the circumstances unfavorable to engine, and that she did not have a fair trial. The opinion was generally prevalent that the light class of steam-engines similar to that belonging to the Hope Hose Company of Philadelphia, and which is drawn by hand, would be better suited for the purpose of a fire-engine than those now owned by the city.

THE SLAVE-TRADE DENOUNCED BY A SOUTHERN CHURCH.—One of the South Carolina Churches has held a public meeting, and passed resolutions denunciatory of the importation of the *Wanderer's* slaves, and speaking as follows of the Slave-trade:

"That we have heard with deep regret that a number of these native Africans are in the midst of us. That to bring untrained negroes from Africa, and land them upon any portion of the soil of South Carolina, for the purpose of making slaves of them, meets our unqualified disapprobation, and we will oppose it with all the legal means within our power. We call upon our sister Churches to coöperate with us in this laudable enterprise."

THE SIXTH WARD MURDER.

A Third Man Arrested Charged with Being Implicated.

Commencement of the Coroner's Inquest.

Nothing particularly new or startling was developed yesterday relative to the Sixth Ward murder. Mr. DECKER, the proprietor of No. 21 Elm-street, lies at the Hospital, in an exceedingly critical state, only the slightest hope being entertained of his recovery. At an early hour yesterday morning, JAMES LOFTUS, a young man, was arrested on suspicion of being associated with JOHN GLASS and JAMES HIGGINS—the parties previously arrested for the commission of the murder. During Saturday evening, LOFTUS is alleged to have been in the company of GLASS and HIGGINS. He was with GLASS when the latter was arrested. His subsequent statements in relation to the shooting were said to be confused and evasive, and altogether, circumstances, in the view of the Police, strongly indicated that he was the third party. He is nearly ten years younger than either of the other prisoners, but for a long time has been their intimate associate, more particularly of HIGGINS. The two belong to the same engine company, and are reported to be active leaders in a rival gang to the "Dead Rabbits," designated the "Stockholders."

LOFTUS now holds the office of constable in the Sixth Ward, having been elected at the last Charter election. The prisoner, GLASS, was formerly a member of Engine Company No. 21, but a few months ago was expelled.

All three of the prisoners take the matter of their arrest with the coolest indifference. Throngs of sympathizing friends called yesterday to see them and express their condolence, but were debarred from doing so by the officers.

The body of RICHARD OWENS was yesterday given in charge of his friends for interment. He will be buried to-day from his late residence, No. 21 Union-place, South Brooklyn, not No. 121 Union-street, as erroneously reported. His remains will be interred in Greenwood.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Coroner JACKMAN commenced the inquest in the case—the medical statement being the only previous testimony taken—at the Sixth Ward Station-house. A large crowd was present. The testimony thus far points very positively to GLASS as the person who fired the three shots, the two taking effect upon the person of Mr. DECKER, and the fatal shot killing Mr. OWENS. The following is

THE EVIDENCE.

Catharine Decker sworn, said—I reside at No. 21 Elm-street; my husband's name is William Decker; he is now lying dangerously wounded at the New-York Hospital; about 11 o'clock on Saturday night I was up stairs attending the fire, when suddenly I heard the sound of hurrying footsteps coming up stairs; on looking around I saw the prisoner, John Glass, and two other men, whose names I do not know; the three immediately commenced demolishing the furniture; I ran down stairs to call my husband; I could not say whether they were intoxicated or not; Glass broke the hall lamp; my husband met them in the

LITERATURE IN FRANCE.

Comments on the President's Message—Mr. Motley's History—Miscellaneous Literary Matters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Thursday, Dec. 29, 1858.

Never, perhaps, has an American Presidential Message drawn from the French Press so many columns of criticism as the late Message of Mr. BUCHANAN, and never certainly was the Press more unanimous in its condemnation. At the moment of departure of the last mail I thought that the discussion had closed, but it had only commenced. The ministerial papers, especially the *Patrie* and the *Pays*, return most frequently to the subject, and attack with the most violence the presidential manifesto. M. BELLY was formerly editor of the *Pays*. It is exactly upon these two journals that he has the greatest influence, and as the most attention is given in these attacks to that part of the Message which treats of the Isthmus of Panama, one cannot help the conclusion that it is to this gentleman that we owe a good deal of this flow of wrathful ink. The *Patrie* believes it has proved that Europe has more interest in Central America, as the great route to China and India, than the United States. The Monroe doctrine it treats with derision, and affects to believe that the Americans themselves have no confidence in it, and do not intend to defend it. You may judge something of the feeling in regard to the Message, when I tell you that to-morrow there will appear from the Press a pamphlet written expressly on the subject, and designed to controvert its doctrines. The name of the author is not yet announced, but I shall be able no doubt to send it to you by the next mail.

The first volume of Mr. JOHN L. MOTLEY'S *History of the Revolution in the Netherlands in the Sixteenth Century*, has been translated into French and published at Brussels, and has produced there for its author a veritable enthusiasm. It is not indeed an ordinary circumstance that a child of the New-World should take for the subject of a serious history a people of old Europe, and should treat his subject as a master in the art. But that he should select a small and almost obscure nation for the subject of his history, is still more unusual. We already know that wherever the English language is read, the history of the Dutch and Belgian people has gained for Mr. MOTLEY the highest rank as a historian, and the work only needed to pass the delicate ordeal of being judged by the people whom it more nearly concerned, to receive its consecration. This ordeal has not only been favorable to the author—it has created astonishment, admiration, enthusiasm. "He has made of his work," says one critic, "the most complete, the most learned, and the most living tableau of the sixteenth century—a drama and a poem at the same time as a monument of erudition. He has found the art of the historian, that difficult art to attain." "As for the style of the book," says the same writer, "it is of an extreme originality; always poetic, often eloquent, occasionally incisive and ironic; we remarked at certain moments an inequality. The phrase in general is imaged."

The same writer thus speaks of the United States:

"It is known that in the field of material progress they have realized immense conquests; from this it has been concluded that they were a nation of merchants and business men. It is true that since his emancipation from the yoke of England, the North American has occupied himself especially with the causes of material life; but without counting the orators, the politicians, the eminent statesmen who issued from her revolution, it is not generally known that an immense intellectual movement, a complete moral awakening, has been accomplished within ten years in this nation which prosperity has so rapidly raised up; it is not generally known that writers abound there, and that there is not perhaps a country in Europe where letters are more cultivated. Moreover, mediocrity is not the character of this multitude of writers, of this mass of books!"

Another new book, in return, on the United States! Mme. DE GRANDFORT, Messrs. AMPERE (of the Academy), BEAUVALLET, D'ARNOUD, OSCAR COMMETTANT, ALFRED ASSOLANT—these are the authors who have written in book form within the last three years on America for French readers With the exception of the work of M. AMPERE none of these can be called serious. They were written to amuse the *flaneurs* of the Boulevards and the light literature saloons of the capital; they are, nevertheless, works of merit in their style. The last—*Scenes of Life in the United States*, by ALFRED ASSOLANT—is the first book of young man who went to the United States to live, and who, becoming disgusted with the manners of the people, returned to France and put his impressions into book form. It is a work of first-rate literary merit, more gay than serious, and about equally divided between criticism and admiration. He admires the institutions and the grand accomplishments of the United States, while he detests her people and their manners. "The Yankees are an energetic race," he says, "who run with their heads down into great things; I sincerely admired these great things. In return, they have in their manners a cynical vulgarity that is revolting; their absurdities are as numerous as the sands of the sea, and attain even the grotesque." The critics call the book of M. ASSOLANT Voltairean, and cry "Eureka!" as if this was the first time VOLTAIRE had revived since his ashes lie sleeping under the dome of the Pantheon!

A late writer on statues and the various modes of perpetuating the name and the renown of distinguished men, makes the following apostrophe in the course of his argument:

"Look at the Americans, who have no taste, but plenty of good sense; have they any columns? Not the shade of one! But their cities are named Washington, Lafayette, &c. Is it not great and beautiful to change the name of a man into that of a city—that is to say, to make of his name the name of a whole people? Compare your asparagus columns, oh! Athenians of Paris, to an American country called Penn-sylvania!"

A book of M. MICHELET, of the French Academy, on *Love*, has been one of the occupations of the literary world the last fortnight. M. MICHELET takes such high ground in favor of his countrywomen as models of the wife and mother, that he almost excludes the rest of womankind from a fitness for these honorable conditions. At the same time he clothes his book in such language, he gives such a singular form to his reasoning, that even they whose panegyric he writes must lay down his book with a blush. What think you, for example, of an author who attempts to establish a woman's equality with a man by a chemical analyzation of her muscles, tendons, ligaments and other tissues? It is simply materialism reduced to vulgarity.

We shall soon have from the press the last volume of *Thiers' Consulate and the Empire*, which will be principally occupied by the Waterloo campaign, and also the second and last volume of *Guizot's Memoirs*. M. VILLEMAIN is about to publish a work entitled: *De l'Enthusiasme des Peuples*. I ought to have mentioned in its place that M. GUIZOT has written a long and remarkable preface to the French edition of the *History of the Netherlands*, by Mr. MOTLEY.

M. LOUIS ENAULT, a well-known author, has just published a work entitled *England, Scotland, and Ireland*, a sort of guide-book as well as a book of travels, elegantly illustrated. The name of this author was made use of lately to show one of the curiosities of French pronunciation. There is not a day that this gentleman does not receive a letter addressed to Hénault, Haino, Heynau, Hénauz, Ainau, Aynaud, Hainod, Haynautz, Ehnot, Enaux, Hesnau, Aynaus, Ayno, or any other variation of his first syllable joined to the second transformed into no, nau, naudt, naut, naust, nauld, not, nauz naud, nauts, nauds, nod, nauls, nault, naul, nautz, naus, nautl, naush, noz, naulz, nauzl, nauhl, nos, nauzh, &c., &c. All these and more are properly pronounced like the name of M. ENAULT, (*Ay-no,*) and it is said that it is the name or the word in the French language susceptible of the greatest number of caprices under a fixed sound.

In a work just published by NADAR, the celebrated photographer and writer, entitled *Clichy* 1850, there occurs a singular anecdote on an Englishman imprisoned there for debt. (Clichy is the name of the Paris prison for debt.) At the moment of entering the prison, the constables took from the Englishman his cane, whereupon he fell into a violent rage, reclaiming his cane with oaths and gestures, which the Frenchmen did not understand. But it was against the rule to admit a cane, and for want of a knowledge of a little French he was imprisoned against his will and without his valuable stick. There he passed eighteen months, every day violently reclaiming his cane, by signs so energetic and persistent, that at last, to satisfy his mania, it was brought to him. He seized the cane with violence, unscrewed the handle, withdrew from it a roll of bank-bills, paid over the sum of 35,000 francs, the total of the debt, with interest and costs, and walked away with his cane in his hand.

M. DE SAINT-BEUVE, of the French Academy, has just published an elegantly-illustrated book, entitled *Gallery of Celebrated Women;* M. FEUILLES DE CONCHES, Master of Ceremonies and Introducer of Ambassadors at the Tuileries, has also just published *The Stories of an Old Child*, a work of light-reading, in the style of *Reveries of a Bachelor.*

A picture was lately exhibited in a show-window of the Rue Lafitte, of which the subject was a Cuirassier charging the enemy, and which bore at the bottom the artist's name, LOUIS NAPOLEON BONAPARTE. This picture, of an admirable execution, recalling the pictures of GERICAULT, in its style, was painted in the prison of Ham, and given, by its now illustrious author, as a present to an officer of artillery. A gentleman passing entered the shop the day after it was first exposed, and asking the price, was told five hundred francs. It was at once retained by the gentleman, who was an *attaché* of the Imperial Museum, and the drawing will appear in the department known as the Museum of the Sovereigns. MALAKOFF.

AMERICAN INTERESTS ABROAD.

Interesting Letter from the American Minister in Berlin to a Member of the Indiana Legislature.

BERLIN, Saturday, Dec. 11, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR: It has given me much pleasure to receive the intelligence of your election to the House of Representatives of Indiana, and to be assured of your earnest purpose to throw the weight of your influence in favor of some plan by which more efficient safeguards and checks may be placed around the Treasury and the State Agency, and the financial affairs of our State put upon a more secure footing: and I am most happy to learn your determination to urge that just and essential, but long-neglected measure—the geological and topographical survey of Indiana.

To speak first of financial matters. The laws which regulate the financial operations of Indiana are in many respects proverbially defective, and we have hitherto escaped serious damage, only because we have thus far been remarkably fortunate in the selection of able and honest men to fill the office of State Agent. But we may not always be thus fortunate; and we cannot close our eyes to the fact, that should a corrupt or incapable man ever occupy that important and responsible position, there is nothing in our present laws to secure the State against the most stupendous frauds and losses. It is well known, for example, that blank bonds are executed in unlimited numbers, and forwarded to the Agent, and only require to be filled up and signed by him to become valid; and *yet there is nothing whatever, except from his personal honesty, to prevent him from issuing them by the thousand.* It seems almost miraculous that we are not compelled to reckon our losses by millions. You doubtless remember the case of the young man who suddenly disappeared a few years ago, while connected with one of our small Indiana banks in the capacity of cashier, taking with him several thousand dollars belonging to his employers. For days and weeks before this robbery was committed, this gentleman had been entrusted with the affairs of our State Agency, during the absence of the agent, with blank stocks already signed by the Auditor and Treasurer, under his control, nothing to do but to fill them out for thousands or millions. Once issued, and in the hands of unsuspecting purchasers, then let the State look out for itself! By permitting such dangerous facilities for robbing to remain uncorrected to this very day, which is actually the case, the State virtually offers a premium on dishonesty, and invites depredations upon its property.

You will hear some men talk about a register of stocks at New-York, and of other checks and safe guards through the agency of banks; but, in my judgment, the only adequate means of securing the people of the State against fraud and loss will be, to require that all transfers of State stocks shall be made by the agent in New-York, then sent to the Auditor and Treasurer of State at Indianapolis, to be duly signed and registered, and then forwarded again to the agent in New-York. This arrangement will probably find little favor among brokers and speculators; but every intelligent man at New-York or elsewhere, who wishes to make an investment in Indiana stocks, will consider himself amply compensated for the delay of a few days by the absolute security of his property, which will be the result of such a precautionary measure. Indiana will owe you a debt of gratitude if you will give your attention to this subject and in conjunction with your colleagues in the Legislature assist in providing additional and more efficacious safeguards to her securities which are held at *home* and *abroad.*

Coming to the second point in your letter, the subject of a geological and topographical survey of our State, I must beg you to indulge me in a few preliminary observations. Although the natural agricultural and commercial advantages of Indiana have attracted a large share of the foreign emigration to her borders, and filled our villages with an enterprising, thrifty and prosperous population, it cannot be denied that statistics show that the ratio of increase by emigration has fallen behind that of many of our sister States, which offer no greater inducements to the emigrant than are to be found in the rivers, prairies and mineral resources of Indiana. If we inquire into the grounds of this falling off—a question which is becoming one of serious importance to the well-being and future growth of the State—we shall find them in the fact that the influence of the necessities and habits of the early settlers has outlived its time, and prevents the adoption of a liberal policy in regard to the scientific development of our natural resources. The first pursuit of the emigrant in a new country is, of necessity, agricultural. The forest must be cleared, the prarie broken up, and wild nature must give way to the well-ordered and productive farm. This was the first necessity to which the emigrant was compelled by the common wants of life, and the dictates of self-interest. But life demands something more than mere bodily sustenance. It must be clothed as well as fed. Our farms must be made to produce us something beyond our daily bread; and we must not all be farmers. We must have mechanics and manufacturers, whose skill is necessary to the highest development of agriculture, to say nothing of the production of what we call the "comforts of life." If the early settlers of the country can be excused from the necessities of their position, for their neglect of other branches of industry, there is certainly no excuse for us who reap the fruits of their labors, and are burdened by none of their necessities; and we have no one but ourselves to blame if the population of some of our sister States has increased at a far higher ratio than that of ours, in consequence of improvements on their part which we have culpably neglected.

We must not, we cannot, shut our eyes to this fact—that wherever our sister States have scientifically developed their mineral and agricultural resources, increase of population and augmented wealth have been the certain result; nor can we blind ourselves to the fact that we must follow the same course, or be content to remain the hindmost in the race toward the goal of material prosperity. If we desire the capital and the labor of the Old or the New World to flow into our State, we must ungrudgingly take the necessary measures to lay open its mineral and other resources, and point out with certainty the localities where they can be wrought to best advantage. We are daily seeking for more capital; we are asking for manufacturing skill and labor. They will come without being sought, whenever we make the immense resources of our State apparent; *but not till then. We* know our resources. *We* know that, beside her rich domain of farming lands, Indiana is unsurpassed by any State in the Union in extent of mineral wealth, and in manufacturing facilities. But this is not enough. The world must know it too, upon satisfactory, undeniable, scientific proof. *Men do not make investments of capital, in these days, upon mere conjecture or assertion, unsupported by evidence.* Our chief duty toward our State, and toward ourselves, is, therefore, to *show* these men of capital, these artisans, mechanics, and laborers, what inducements Indiana really offers for the investment of money and of labor.

You reside within the great coal region of Indiana, and have no doubt a lively sense of the vast importance to present and future settlers, and to the well-being and aggrandizement of the State, of a thoroughgoing, practical, scientific survey, which would exhibit, at a glance, the character of our soils, the extent and value of our mineral regions, our timbered lands, our marble and stone quarries, our immense water power, &c., and sincerely trust that you may be successful, this Winter, in your attempt to secure the passage of that measure, for which I have so long labored myself. You will not be at loss for consideration of every kind in favor of such a measure. The very foundation of your capitol affords a striking illustration of its necessity. Notice carefully, as you walk up the steps of the State-house, the decayed stones, which crumble and break under your feet. Though but a few years in use, they have become so rotted that the house itself would be endangered, were it not for the brick work composing the greater part of the foundation. Carefully note the blue and white stones. The blue cost five times more than the white, were nearly as hard as iron, and very difficult to work. It was thought they would outlast a dozen generations. The white were soft, and it cost the mason but little labor and time to work them into the required shape. But note the difference now! While the action of the weather has decomposed the hard blue stones, until they are worse than useless, the same influences have hardened the white and rendered them durable and permanent. I need not multiply such instances. In this case alone, a little practical scientific knowledge of the value of our stone quarries would have saved thousands of dollars to the State. One thorough survey, conducted by the most scientific men whose services we could procure, would give us, in its published results, at once and forever, and in the cheapest manner, that knowledge which we must otherwise attain by the slow and still more uncertain process of practical experience.

This important measure, so vital from every point of view, to the best welfare of the State, can not long be delayed. The people can not be so blind to their own interests, as to allow other States to leave Indiana in the rear. But it must be done by ourselves. It will not do for us to depend upon the assistance of our General Government, which has its own province, quite distinct from the internal improvements of the several States. And when I say "ourselves," I do not mean that private enterprise alone should undertake this important work. On the contrary it is my conviction, that it is the solemn duty of our State government, by means of wise and liberal legislation, to afford support to the agricultural, manufacturing and other industrial interests of our people. While I would by no means advocate the adoption of a selfish and exclusive State policy, that might in any manner conduce to the injury of our sister States, it is still my firm belief that we should bestow the best energies upon home affairs, and pay less attention to matters abroad, which less intimately concern us in our capacity of *State citizens.* There is no conflict here between the State interest and national patriotism. *It is my conviction, often expressed before, and strengthened by my experience abroad, that the hope of perpetuating our institutions, and of giving peace to all our diversified and conflicting interests, rests upon the adoption of such a system of State Legislation as shall tend more and more to the development of the internal and natural resources of the several members of our happy Union.*

It should be the policy of our States to make more at home, and to buy less abroad. We should diversify our pursuits, and make it our aim not only to raise cotton and wool as raw material, but to manufacture it at home, instead of sending it abroad, to buy it back again at a higher price than it would cost to manufacture it ourselves. It is obvious that in Indiana, where coal is plentiful, where provisions are cheap, and where railroads afford rapid and convenient means of communication with other States, it would be far more profitable to buy or raise the raw material, and convert it ourselves into manufactured goods, than to send both material and provisions to an Eastern water-power or an English coal field. The same principle would apply to every State in the Union. In illustration of the working of the opposite policy, take any six of our Northwestern States, which have expended nearly as much capital in railroads within the last fifteen years as Great Britain has invested in machinery for the manufacture of cotton goods, and compare the relative results. See what her labor and her machinery have enabled her to accomplish with the raw material which we have supplied her looms with! Her vast commercial revenues have enabled her to carry on her conquests, to extend her empire, besides adding millions to her internal wealth. Well may she exclaim, "*Cotton is King!*"

Why should we forever linger in the rear of such enterprise? We should discard the erroneous but too prevalent opinion that selling the raw material abroad, in any form, will accrue to the substantial advancement of one section of our country over another. Our common interests cannot be divided. The farmer, whose lands produce corn and wheat, whose flocks supply the wool market; the planter, whose fields whiten with the cotton harvest; the merchant and the mechanic, and the daily laborer, are all alike interested in the home manufacture of cotton and wool, to say nothing of other branches of industry. From mutual prosperity we reap mutual benefit. The burden of insurance, storage, freightage on grain, cotton or wool, on their way to market, does not fall exclusively upon the several producers of each. The burdens, as well as the profits, are shared by all in the end; and each is therefore interested in the prosperity of the other; and all are interested in the home manufacture of the raw material which our country produces, not alone for home consumption, but for sale abroad. It will be an inauspicious day for the West, and *especially* for *Indiana*, when we shall send the results of our labor abroad, in a more condensed form than at present, and apply our immense wealth of coal, and other mineral resources, to the purposes of home manufacture and home consumption in other ways.

We cannot well, from this point of view, look indifferently upon the completion of the great Northern and Southern lines of railroad, which must inevitably affect the character of our trade and commerce, and the intercourse of the different sections of our country. Now, as we say out West, we travel to New-York on the line of the Irish potato, in the same latitude, mingle with people who follow the same pursuits with us, and for the most part cultivate the same articles which we do. But when the mentioned lines of railroad are complete, and we can reach New-Orleans, Charleston and Savannah in as short a time as we now reach the Eastern cities, each hour, as we fly along, we shall breathe in a new atmosphere, at every meal partake of some new luxury, and mingle with our brethren whose pursuits and occupations differ essentially from our own. And who can yet foretell the consequences of this intercourse—thousands of our Southern friends passing their Summers on the shores of our beautiful Northern lakes, and we in return spending our Winters upon the Atlantic coasts of the South? Our noble rivers run southward, bearing their millions of commerce annually; and when, in addition to this, we enjoy the facilities afforded by cheap and rapid communication, we surely can not remain uninterested observers of each other's prosperity or adversity. Following the products of our industry to the great markets, having frequent personal intercourse with those with whom we exchange our commodities, we shall inevitably learn to estimate each other more fairly; and it requires no prophetic gift to foresee that the best of consequences must follow from such an interchange between the two great sections of the country, the *North and the South.*

But if we must send our raw material abroad to be manufactured and sent back to us, let us try to do it as directly and profitably as the nature of the case will admit. I was pleased to learn from our late able Consul at Hambug, JAMES R. MCDONALD, that the good people of that city were somewhat astonished the other day by the novel sight of a Yankee schooner, from Cincinnati, Ohio, with a cargo of wool, lying at a German wharf. The true western captain, although he had never seen salt water before, had made the trip from Quebec to England in 17 days—the quickest passage on record. There was a cargo of walnut, hickory, cherry, curly maple, ash and other varieties from our boundless forests. They were sold at auction, and brought a fair price. Here we have an instance of direct trade with Europe, instead of by way of New-York and England. There was no intervention of agents and companies, to eat up the profits, as is too commonly the case. The time is coming, I venture to hope, when the West will take its immense commerce entirely into its own hands, when our merchants shall send their goods and produce direct, without breaking bulk, not only to Cleveland, but by means of our lakes and the St. Lawrence, to the Atlantic ports, and to all parts of the Old World. It may be that Yankee schooners shall turn out to have been the pioneer in an extensive commerce in wood, which our forests supply in such boundless variety, and of which Europe is beginning to feel the need for every purpose, from ship-building down to fancy work, and toys for children. Only let us be cautious not to reduce ourselves to the same necessity, by the too lavish and heedless destruction of those noble forests, which feed our rivers and preserve us from the sterility and drought which have befallen Greece and other lands, once famous for their luxuriant fertility.

You inquire about the state of manufactures in Germany, and especially in regard to the celebrated "Mining College." I hope soon to pay a visit to this excellent Institution, where, you will be glad to learn, several young men from our own country are prosecuting their studies in that practical branch of science so important to the welfare and prosperity of America. You shall receive as full and extended a report of its operations and management as my time and opportunities for examination will allow me to make. For the present I can only say, that manufactures of every kind have of late increased rapidly in the Zollverein. A few years ago there were not more than thirty establishments for the manufacture of beet sugar in that region; there are now nearly four hundred. The cotton twist, heretofore imported from England, is now made at home. Three years ago the city of Bremen imported fifty thousand bales of our cotton; the present year she will import at least two hundred thousand. In sight of my residence stands a large telegraph manufactory, which has made a contract to furnish telegraph apparatus to Great Britain to the value of nearly one million of dollars. Woolen and linen goods, manufactured in Germany, and toys of every imaginable description from Nuremburg, the Tyrol and other districts, are to be found in every part of the world.

The Germans, speaking generally, make the best of laborers. They have a docile, quiet and uniform character, which adapts them peculiarly to manufacturing pursuits. We want more of them among us. No people are more obedient and loyal to the Government under which they live than the Germans, and wherever they emigrate they make good, industrious and prosperous citizens. It can be said, too, in praise of them, that they know and practice the art of diversifying their pursuits to a very great extent, and are bent on solving the problem—perhaps the vital one of the age—how far a country can succeed in supplying the various demands of its people from her own resources, developed and practically applied by means of its own industry. The most eminent men of science in the country are engaged in making a thorough examination of the mineral wealth of Germany, of the character of the soil in different provinces, &c. The published results of these surveys will form a statistical collection of the utmost practical importance.

As a pertinent example of the statistics, I cite the following:

A few evenings since, at a meeting of the Geographical Society, a lecture was given upon the resources of Arnsberg, a small Rhenish province about the size of one of the largest counties of our State. Deducting the farming and woodlands, the territory devoted to iron and coal mining, is, perhaps, equal in extent to your County of Perry. During the year 1856, the value of the products of these mines amounted to 21,000,000 of thalers, averaging about 1,100 thalers to each miner. Now, these Arnsberg mines, I need scarcely tell you, are vastly inferior to our own. Hundreds of feet underground, half doubled up in low galleries, where the seams of mineral hardly average three feet in thickness, the German miner picks his slow and laborious way, while the expense of working so far beneath the surface, and of raising the heavy products of his labor to the light of day, adds considerably to their market price. We are scarcely credited when we tell these people that in our own country we have immense coal fields, from six to nine feet in thickness, lying near the surface, and in every respect easy of access, with iron ore, rich soil and inexhaustible timber lands, all in close proximity. But let us not accuse the Old World of blindness, nor laugh at her for grubbing away for a thousand feet under ground, as some of them do, while we, neglecting all this mineral wealth, content ourselves with scratching the rich soil and wearing it out with unscientific cultivation. It is my firm belief that the iron and coal mines of Perry County alone, if scientifically worked, would yield an annual income greater than that of the *wheat crop of the entire State*; and I am sure there is not a wheat raiser in Indiana, who has not an equal, and I think I may safely say a far greater interest in the development of this mineral wealth than in doubling the crop of wheat or other grain.

I think it may be confidently held, that the development of the natural resources of our extensive national territory, extending as it does from ocean to ocean, and embracing almost every variety of climate within its limits, will gradually lead to the grand result of which I have already spoken, and which I solemnly regard as the main basis of our Union in the future—*the elevation of State legislation, and the full, free and cordial commercial intercourse of the several sections of the country.* God grant that our wise and good men, instead of allowing themselves to be misled by a specious feeling of nationality, and perhaps an unconscious underestimate of the dignity and importance of our State Governments, may give their time and thoughts and labors to the development and aggrandizement of *their several States. This is true nationality;* for it is the surest and speediest way to secure the permanent well being and prosperity of our whole Union. Our own State occupies a most commanding geographical position. This, whatever our future policy, be it wise or foolish, we cannot change. The central State of our vast Republic, across whose territory the car of commerce must pass for all future time, Indiana may attain, if her people will be wise in time, a social, political, and commercial dignity and importance, commensurate with the advantages of her geographical position. With our farming lands, our forests, our inexhaustible mines, and our quarries of stone and marble, our water power equal to that of the Merrimac, but scarcely known beyond the sound of its falls and rapids, we ought to take rank with the great manufacturing as well as with the agricultural States. And if we *will* we *can.* Let our State be thoroughly surveyed, the results published in a cheap, compendious and reliable form, and scattered not only over the United States, but translated into the languages of those countries all over France and Germany, and I venture to predict such an increase of our population through emigration, such an addition to our wealth through the enterprise of our citizens, new and old, as never yet has been witnessed, even in America. May that good time be near at hand.

Excuse, my dear Sir, the careless and desultory style of this rambling epistle, which I have dashed down at odd moments of leisure, as they chanced along between the incessant but irregular duties of my office. Trusting that the opinions and sentiments herein advanced may meet with your approval, and begging you to present my cordial respects to Mrs. SMITH, and to accept for yourself, my dear Sir, the assurance of my high regard,

I remain most truly yours,

JOSEPH A. WRIGHT.

THE POST-OFFICE SYSTEM.

Letter from the Postmaster-General on Changes Required in the Postal System of the Country.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Jan. 13, 1859.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution, adopted by the Senate on the 22d December last:

Resolved, That the Postmaster-General be directed to report to the Senate such changes in the laws regulating postages and the Post-Office Department as, in his opinion, could make that a self-sustaining department.

In responding to this resolution, I hope it will not be deemed amiss to submit to the Senate a few preliminary observations.

When I took charge of the Department, in March, 1857, no expectation appeared to be entertained in any quarter that, under the then existing legislation of Congress, the Post-Office Department was to be made a self-sustaining one.

From March to the 30th June, 1857, the department was almost entirely engaged in winding up and finishing the business of the then current year, under contracts and engagements over which the new head of the Department had no control, and was subject to no responsibility.

On closing up the business of that fiscal year—1856-7—it was ascertained that the expenditure exceeded the revenue by the sum of $4,153,718 40.

In the preceding year—1856—it had exceeded it by $3,487,046 52; and the annual reports of my predecessors exhibit the fact that there was a large deficit for many preceding years.

My predecessor in all his annual reports never failed to notify Congress of such excess of expenditure over revenue, and to point out the causes—chiefly the low rates of postage and the franking privilege—which were forcing this result upon the Department.

In his report of Dec. 1, 1856, he says "the reduced rates of postage having largely reduced the revenue, *it has not been possible to confine the expenditures of the Department within its income*, and the Postmaster-General has been compelled to apply to Congress annually to appropriate the deficiency from the general treasury.

He further adds that "the laws should be so framed as to produce a sufficient amount of revenue to defray all proper expenditures." "If my views regarding the abolition of the franking privilege—a measure which would greatly reduce the expenses of the Department—be not adopted by Congress, I would recommend the passage of a law enabling the Department to charge the ordinary rates of postage on letters and printed matter which now pass free through the mails." "It, in addition to this, the clause in the act of Aug. 30, 1852, allowing a deduction of 50 per cent. on newspapers and periodicals, when paid quarterly or yearly in advance, be abolished, as recommended in my last two annual reports, and the Department be relieved from the expense of ocean mail steamships and Isthmus service, it would, with a proper economy soon sustain itself."

Notwithstanding these repeated appeals, Congress made no successful efforts to raise the postages, none to repeal the clause in relation to the postage on newspapers and periodicals, or in any manner to repeal or restrict the franking privilege.

In this apparent willingness on the part of Congress that the treasury should continue to supply the insufficiency of the revenues, I entered on the administration of the Department with an actual deficiency in the revenue of the year ending June 30, 1857, of $4,153,718 40, the annual deficit having been gradually and uniformly accumulating under the pressure upon the department for increased mail facilities, with the knowledge and apparent acquiescence of Congress, ever since the various reductions of the postages.

In the first year—1857-'58—of my administration of the Department, this excess of expenditure over the revenue has increased to $5,234,843 70, being an increase of $1,081,125 30.

From this sum is to be deducted the amount of $109,072 95, allowed to George CHORPENNING under an act of Congress, and the further sum of $74,598 46, remitted to contractors between Cairo and New-Orleans by act of March 3, 1857—see pages 24 and 25 of annual report of 1857—leaving only an increase in the deficiency of $897,453 89 for that year.

The cause of this excess is fully explained in my last annual report, and in a communication to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, House of Representatives, dated March 24, 1858, Mis. Doc. No. 108.

The increase of the *revenue* during the year was remarkably small, amounting to only $132,841 10, being $300,289 less than the increase of the previous fiscal year, occasioned, doubtless, by the general financial embarrassment of the commercial community.

The estimates of receipts and expenditures for the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1859, were submitted to Congress in my letter of March 24, 1858, (Ex. Doc. No. 90,) in which the additional cost of transportation under the new contracts to be let in the ensuing month, and go into operation on the 1st of July, 1858, was estimated at $1,000,000; and of new post-routes established by the act of March 3, 1857, to be put in operation on the 1st of July and 1st of October, 1858, at $527,820; making an increase in the probable expenditures of the year 1859 of $1,527,820 from these two sources alone, and rendering it probable that, unless the correspondence of the country is stimulated by the partial recovery from the financial embarrassment of the past year, the deficiency in postal receipts will amount to $6,290,440, after deducting the sum of $700,000 annually paid to the Department under the provisions of the acts approved March 3, 1847, and March 3, 1851, for the mail service performed for the two houses of Congress and the other departments and officers of the Government in the transportation of free matter."

Upon opening the bids referred to for mail service in the twenty-one great States and Territories lying in the valley of the Mississippi, and extending over the entire northwest, west and southwest portions of our continent, it was found that contracts could not be made for a sum less than the estimated cost; and when due regard is given to the fact that four years had elapsed since the previous mail-lettings, and during that period the great wave of emigration had rolled westward, and towns and cities had sprung into being, with magic-like rapidity, out of scattered hamlets and sparsely-populated neighborhoods, demanding largely-increased mail facilities, such a result is not surprising.

The cause of the excess of expenditure over receipts, for the current year, is fully explained in my annual report at the present session, particularly in a document (marked H) prepared with great care and fullness.

This document states all the important improvements made in each State, and will enable each member of Congress to see the increased service in his own Congressional district.

In no remembered instance has service been put on until Congress had established the line as a post-road, and the same had been regularly advertised according to law.

The contracts have been made on the best terms with the lowest bidder.

In no case has the existing service been raised to a higher grade, or more frequent mails been granted, than the increased growth and business of the cities and settlements through which they passed seemed fairly entitled to.

If, however, the solicitude of petitioners, or the earnest recommendations of members of Congress, who have generally manifested a praiseworthy zeal to extend increased postal facilities to their constituents, shall, in any instance, have induced the Department to put in operation service which was not needed, or to have given it a frequency or grade not required by the reasonable wants of the country, it will be quite easy for the department to correct the error by the discontinuence of the service.

This document, exhibiting, as it does, almost a perfect map of the recent changes and improvements of the service, it is hoped and believed will be of great utility in enabling Congress to determine whether the postal facilities thus far extended can be profitably diminished in the several States.

It is evident enough that by diminution of the service the self-sustenation of the Department can be unquestionably secured; but it is worthy of much consideration whether that would not leave the mere skeleton of a postal service, commensurate with neither the business nor the social wants of the country.

In my Report of the present Session I have stated "that it would be obviously erroneous to suppose that this charge on the Treasury is to *progress* in the ratio proportionate to what it has been for the last few years. Our postal system is now extended over the whole country, from one ocean to the other. There can be but little further expense resulting from overland connection with California and the other Pacific States and Territories. Except one other route, commonly called the Northern Route—from St. Paul, in Minnesota, to Seattle, in Washington Territory—no other is now thought of as being likely to become necessary."

Until now it could never have been said that our inland postal system was full-orbed and complete. For years our people have been going out from the Atlantic States, following the setting sun. We have sent our postal system, with all its lights and blessings, after them in to the distant wilderness. With the rates of postage for a long time established, we were enabled to sustain the expense; but, when the wave of population was still rolling on further and further, we suddenly reduced the postages, whilst the necessity for them every day became more urgent and even imperious. Still we sought them out with the railroad, the stage, and the horse-mail, until expenditure or cost of transportation began to exceed the income derived.

Look to California for an illustration. A scattered population planted on the shores of the Pacific demanded, and justly claimed, postal connection with their fatherland, and received it by the Panama route, at a cost of $750,000 per annum, which scarcely gave back to the Department any portion of that amount in the shape of postages, Congress having, by an act of July 27, 1854, provided for the payment of the extraordinary expenses of California post-offices out of the postages collected. Since then the Tehuantepec passage has been established with scarcely an equal chance for some years to make any material returns to the Department. The great overland routes do not stand solely, or even mainly, on their opening additional communications with California, Oregon and Washington. They are intended to spread out our population, to find for the hardy pioneers new homes for their offspring, to develop the agricultural and mineral resources of our country; in fact, to discover new Californias between the valley of the Mississippi and that one which now reposes on the shores of the Pacific.

But we need not go to California for illustrations to prove that it will not do to strike down all postal service that will not pay. I again refer you to Miscellaneous Document No. 108, of last session, and also to a statement appended to this report, as containing much useful information on this subject. It shows the gross revenues from postage, and the sale of stamps in each State; the compensation of postmasters and the incidental expenses of their offices; the net revenue; the cost of transportation, and the surplus of deficit in each State, after paying the cost of transportation. It exhibits the remarkable fact that, if the various sums paid *directly* by the Department for blanks, wrapping paper, postage stamps, and stamped envelopes, advertising, mail bags, &c., were divided *pro rata* to each State, and the amount of foreign postage collected at Boston and New-York, and returned to the several Governments for whom it was collected under postal treaties, be taken out, not one State pays the expense of its mail supplies.

With these facts before me in making out my last annual report, I deemed the occasion a proper one, now that we had reached nearly the maximum cost of furnishing mail facilities to our whole country, to suggest certain measures to the consideration of Congress, by which the revenues and expenditures, if they could not be brought to an entire and perfect equality, might nevertheless approximate it so nearly as to reconcile the public mind to the discrepancy.

The first of these was that Congress should more emphatically declare that hereafter the Postmaster-General, in advertising and accepting bids for mail service, shall have no reference to the conveyance of passengers or freight of any kind other than regular mail matter. This is probably the meaning of the present law, but no Postmaster-General since its enactment, has been able to resist the opposite construction. *Nothing but express words of prohibition* would be likely to succeed. The opinion was advanced that this change in the law would probably effect a saving of $1,000,000. It may be less or more, as the book and heavy document business may increase or diminish in Congress and the various departments. It could not be effected at once, because it could not, in justice and fairness to the present contractors, be carried out until their contracts for a higher grade of service had expired. If it were effected at once, by allowing one month's extra pay, it is more than possible the parties would besiege Congress for relief from losses on stock, stages, &c., rendered unnecessary by the change.

The next suggestion was "that if Congress desired to relieve the Treasury from the requisitions upon it by this Department," they might take the bill (S. 337) introduced at the last session by a distinguished member of the Senate, and make it the basis of a great and decided improvement in the revenues of the Department. That bill proposes no mutilation or diminution of the present service, but is based on the distinct idea that, whilst the people desire and are entitled to large and liberal postal accommodations, they are both willing and able to pay a fair price for them—just what it costs to furnish them—no more, no less. To arrive at this true and just standard, required many experiments. Accordingly, many different rates of postage have been tried, and their actual results carefully noted in all the reports of the Department. These reports show that under the rates of postage on letters and printed matter fixed by the law of 1845, (Statutes-at-Large, vol. 5, p. 732,) the revenues and expenditures were about equal—a small surplus as often as a small deficit. Since the passage of the law of 1851, (Statutes, vol. 9, p. 587,) fixing the present rate of three cents, &c., the excess of expenditure over the revenue has been regularly and largely increasing. These facts obviously suggest that if Congress is determined to make the Department a self-sustaining one, the surest means of doing so would be to go back to the rates of 1845. In doing this they would have the knowledge and actual experience of the past; any other rates could only furnish conjectures of the future. The bill under consideration (S. 337) fixes the rate of five cents for any distance under 3,000 miles, and ten cents for over that distance. This can differ very little from a uniform rate of five cents for all distances, as there are very few letters sent inland over 3,000 miles. The estimates made by the most experienced officers of the Department are that the provisions of the bill would raise the revenue from postages about $3,500,000, *without taking into view the 4th section in relation to the transmission of public documents.* What the provisions of that section would effect it is difficult to anticipate. The Government now appropriates $700,000 annually as compensation for free matter transported and delivered for Congress and the Executive departments, under the *supposition* that the postage on the matter conveyed would come to that amount. It is believed in the Department, however, that the postage would come to more than twice that amount—say $1,400,000—for Congressional books and documents alone, without taking into view the immense correspondence of the Executive departments, and the vast mass of returns, accounts, packages and parcels received and sent from the General Land Office, the Pension Office, the Patent Office, &c. It is clearly right, if the Post-office is considered as having been established simply for the convenience of individual citizens in transmitting their correspondence from place to place, for which they are to pay the full amount of the cost, that the Government, whenever it wants its correspondence, books, documents, &c., transmitted, should, like all others, come forward and pay not *half*, but the full amount for the services rendered. But if, on the other hand, the Post-Office is to be regarded as a great Government institution, established not by law merely, but by the Constitution itself, in order that it might have a

UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Last Day of the Session.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 14, 1858.

The announcement of a lecture on Meteorology, by Professor HENRY, drew together this morning an unusually large number of persons, many of whom were members of Congress, and some ladies. We had had, during the first two days of the session, bright, warm and Spring-like weather, and this had of course the tendency to evaporate large quantities of water, which, by the chill morning air of to-day, was condensed into a sort of London fog, so thick as to obscure the buildings, or other objects even of considerable size, when observed at a distance. If the buildings were obscure, however, it was not so with the learned Professor's intellect, for he gave us a clear, concise statement of the relation of meteorology to agriculture.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock, President TILGHMAN in the Chair. The President called the attention of the Society to the issue between Mr. BROWNE, of the Patent-Office, and himself, which it had been attempted to explain away by Mr. CONNOLLY, by stating that the article on Agricultural Societies, in the last volume of the Patent-Office Report, did not profess to deal with any formed subsequent to 1841. He noticed the presence of that gentleman, and he would state that, whilst it is true that no detailed account was given in the article of societies founded after the date mentioned, yet there was what was intended for a list of all such organizations in existence up to the present time, and from that list the name of the National Society was singularly omitted. He was pleased to learn from Mr. BROWNE's representative that there was no willful slight intended; but it was a little singular, at least, that so prominent a Society as this should have been, by some carelessness, omitted. As to the gentleman's intimation that the Chair had been deceived as to the facts by some officer of the Society, he begged to inform him that he was accustomed to examine into matters himself before venturing an opinion, and that it was he alone who was responsible for the charge he had brought against Mr. D. JAY BROWNE.

The report of the Nominating Committee having been called for, Mr. H. WAGER obtained a suspension of the order of the day until the elections were concluded.

The Treasurer laid before the meeting a number of documents relating to the formation of an old national agricultural association in the year 1841, having the title of "Agricultural Society of the United States." One of the papers gave the full minutes of the first meeting held at the Patent-office, and another contained the full list of subscribers, which was read, and found to contain the names of several of the members of the present United States Agricultural Society, and those of President BUCHANAN, R. M. T. HUNTER, H. L. ELLSWORTH and many others. The papers were presented to this Society, as of historical interest, by Mr. JNO. F. CALLAN. A vote of thanks was given to the donor, and the gift ordered to be deposited in the archives.

A supplementary report of moneys received and disbursed at Richmond under the supervision of Mr. WAGER was read by the Treasurer, and referred to the Executive Committee.

The Hon. C. J. GILMAN, from the Committee on the communication of the American Geographical and Statistical Society, asking for aid in the collection of statistics for the forthcoming census, reported in favor of referring it to the next Statistical Bureau with this Society's indorsement. Accepted.

The Committee on the President's Address, through its Chairman, the Hon. B. V. FRENCH, recommended the adoption of its suggestions, as calculated to materially advance the interests of the Society. The report was accepted.

The Hon. Mr. WAGER, from the Committee on the Secretary's historical account of State shows, which it was proposed to embody in the present volume of the transactions, reported in favor of delaying the issue of the volume so as to allow of their being printed.

The Hon. A. B. CONGER, from the Committee on Nominations, announced the following ticket, which, on motion of Mr. KELLOGG, was made a unanimous ballot:

President—General TENCH TILGHMAN, Maryland.
For Vice-Presidents—Ezekial Holmes, Me.; H. F. French, N. H.; F. Holbrook, Vt.; John Brooks, Mass.; E. Dyer, R. I.; H. A. Dyer, Conn.; B. P. Johnson, N. Y.; J. H. Frazee, N. J.; A. Clements, Penn.; John Jones, Del.; A. Kimmell, Md.; W. A. Spence, Va.; H. K. Burgwyn, N. C.; F. W. Allston, S. C.; R. Peters, Ga., N. B. Cloud, Ala.; N. N. Harrison, Miss.; J. D. B. De Bow, La.; F. G. Cary, Ohio; W. L. Underwood, Ky.; D. P. Holloway, Ind.; D. S. Curtis, Wis.; J. A. Kennicott, Ill.; J. R. Barrett, Mo.; H. Ledyard, Mich.; S. A. Mallory, Fla.; Thos. Affleck, Texas; Legrand Byington, Iowa; A. W. McKee, Cal.; H. M. Rice, Minn.; W. W. Corcoran, D. C.; M. St. Otero, New-Mexico; J. H. Lane, Oregon; L. S. Stevens, Washington Territory; W. T. Brown, Nebrasia; W. F. M. Army, Kansas; Sylvester Mowray, Arizona; A. G. Fuller, Dacotah.

Executive Committee—H. Wager, N. Y.; J. McGowan, Penn.; Josiah Ware, Va.; F. Smyth, N. H.; J. Merryman, Md.; H. Capron, Ill.; J. M. Cannon, Iowa.

Treasurer—B. B. French, D. C.
Secretary—Ben. Perley Poore, Mass.

The President returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him in thus reëlecting him without solicitation on his part. He would now suggest that some provision should be made for limiting the terms of Presidential incumbency.

The Hon. Mr. BYINGTON proposed an amendment of the Constitution to provide that after the term of the present officer shall have expired no President shall be eligible for reëlection.

The gentleman's views were combatted by Messrs. A. B. CONGER, of New-York, and GILMAN, of Maine, each of whom contended that such a clause would prevent the Society from availing itself of the services of an officer, however advantageous it might be to do so.

The Chair ruled that, inasmuch as there is a constitutional provision that no amendment shall be made without the assent of a given number of members, and as the necessary quorum could not be had at that time, the motion was out of order.

The Chair announced the order of the day, and introduced Professor HENRY, of the Smithsonian Institution, who would favor the meeting with some remarks upon the subject of "Meteorology, in its Application to Agriculture."

The Professor commenced by stating that the march of knowledge in the family of man is dependent upon the labors of three distinct classes—those who increase, those who diffuse, and those who practically apply it. It was for the Smithsonian Institution to do the former, for the United States Society, with its widely ramifying agencies, the second, and the farmers of America the third. Having made some general remarks on the necessary conditions of improvement and advancement in science, he took up the meteorology of the Western Continent, showing the effect of the winds, ocean streams, mountains and plains on temperature and the distribution of rain. It is a science of great value to the agricultural interest, as furnishing data for the determination of what latitudes and situations will or will not suit certain plants and growths. Its improvement necessarily demands many observers, and in fact the Smithsonian, in connection with the Patent-Office, (each bearing half the expense,) have a corps of three hundred observers spread over the continent in constant communication. Their returns are sent to Professor COFFIN, of Lafayette College, who works them up for publication. A gentleman well skilled in climatology was in the far West, in the pay of the Institution, gathering information on the subject of extending the growth of timber in our territory.

His experience had already demonstrated the correctness of the views previously held by scientific men, and based upon the theory of the motions of the atmosphere. The wind blowing from the shores of the Pacific in an easterly direction were at first laden with moisture, but this was deposited on the western slopes of the successive ranges of mountains, until, having descended to the plain country to the east of the Rocky Mountains, they came almost with the hot breath of a simoom to parch vegetation, and rendered a vast extent of country, almost one-half the width of the American Continent, quite unfit for tillage.

The general character of the soil between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic is that of great fertility, and as a whole, in its natural condition, with some exceptions at the West, is well supplied with timber. That portion also on the western side of the Mississippi, as far as the 98th meridian, including the States of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota, and portions of the Territory of Kansas and Nebraska, are fertile, though abounding in prairies and subject occasionally to drouths. But the whole space to the West, between the meridian and the Rocky Mountains, denominated the Great American Plains, is a barren waste, over which the eye may roam to the extent of the visible horizon with scarcely an object to break the monotony. From the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, with the exception of the rich but narrow belt along the ocean, the country may also be considered, in comparison with other portions of the United States, a wilderness unfitted for the uses of the husbandman; although in some of the mountain valleys, as at Salt Lake, by means of irrigation, a precarious supply of food may be obtained sufficient to sustain a considerable population, provided they can be induced to submit to privations from which American citizens generally would shrink. The portions of the mountain system further south are equally inhospitable, though they have been represented to be of a different character. In traversing this region, whole days are frequently passed without meeting a rivulet or spring of water to slake the thirst of the weary traveler. Dr. LETHERMAN, surgeon of the United States army, at Fort Defiance, describes the entire country along the parallel of 35° as consisting of a series of mountain ridges, with a general direction north and south inclining to the west, and broken in many places by deep cracks, as it were, across the ridge, denominated cañons, which afford in some cases the only means of traversing the country, except with great labor and difficulty. The district inhabited by the Navajo Indians has had the reputation of being a good grazing country, and its fame has reached the eastern portions of the United States; but, taking the region at large, it will be found that, with regard to abundance of natural pasturage, it has been vastly overrated, and we have no hesitation in stating, says the same authority, that were the flocks and herds now belonging to the Indians doubled, they could not be sustained. There is required for grazing and producing hay for the consumption of animals at Fort Defiance, garrisoned by two companies, one of which is partly mounted, fifty square miles; and this is barely sufficient for the purpose. The barrenness and desolation so inseparably connected with immense masses of rocks and hills scantily supplied with water, are here seen and felt in their fullest extent. The character of the district lying across the mountain system, along the 32d parallel, which has been still more highly lauded for its productiveness, is, from reliable accounts, in strict accordance with the *a priori* inferences which may be drawn in regard to its climate from the influence of the mountain ranges and the direction of the prevailing winds. Dr. ARTISELL, geologist to one of the exploring expeditions, describes the country along the parallels of 32° and 33° as equally deficient in the essentials of support for an ordinary civilized community. On the west, within these parallels, occurs the great Colorado desert, extending to the river of the same name, which empties into the Gulf of California. From the Colorado River, which is generally regarded as the eastern edge of the Colorado basin, in its southern portion, the land rises eastward by a series of easy grades, until the summit of the main ridge of the mountain system is gained, a point about 500 miles east of that river. For the first 250 miles, the ascent is across a series of erupted hills, of comparatively recent date, and similar in constitution to the line hills and ridges which are dotted over the various levels of the basin country. The entire district is bare of soil and vegetation, except a few varieties of cactus. Over the greater portion of the northern part of Sonora and the southern part of New-Mexico sterility reigns supreme.

At the mountain bases may exist a few springs and wells, and in a few depressions of the general level of the surface sloping to the Pacific may be a grassy spot; but such are the exceptions. A dry, parched, disintegrated sand and gravel is the usual soil, completely destitute of vegetable matter, and not capable of retaining moisture. The Winter rains which fall on the Pacific coast, west of the Coast range of mountains, do not reach to the region eastward. This is partly supplied with its moisture from the Gulf of California, but chiefly by the southeast wind from the Gulf of Mexico, flowing up between the ridges of mountains. We hazard nothing in saying that the mountains, as a whole, can be of little value as the theatre of civilized life in the present state of general science and practical agriculture. It is true that a considerable portion of the interior is comparatively little known from actual exploration; but its general character can be inferred from that which has been explored. As has been said before, it consists of an elevated swell of land, covered with ridges running in a northerly direction, inclining to the west. The western slopes, or those which face the ocean, are better supplied with moisture, and contain more vegetation than the eastern slopes; and this increases as we approach the Pacific, along the coast of which, throughout the whole boundary of the United States to the Gulf of California, exists a border of land of delightful climate and of fertile soil, varying from fifty to two hundred miles in width. The transition, however, from this border to a parallel district in the interior is of the most marked and astonishing character. Starting from the sea-coast, and leaving a temperature of 65°, we may, in the course of a single day's journey, in some cases, reach an arid valley, in which the thermometer in the shade marks a temperature of 110°. We have stated that the entire region west of the 98th degree of west longitude, with the exception of a small portion of western Texas, and the narrow border along the Pacific, is a country of comparatively little value to the agriculturist; and, perhaps, it will astonish the hearer if we direct his attention to the fact that this line, which passes southward from Lake Winnepeg to the Gulf of Mexico, will divide the whole surface of the United States into two nearly equal parts. This statement, when fully appreciated, will serve to dissipate some of the dreams which have been considered as realities as to the destiny of the western part of the North American Continent. Truth, however, transcends even the laudable feelings of pride of country; and, in order properly to direct the policy of this great confederacy, it is necessary to be well acquainted with the theatre on which its future history is to be enacted and by whose character it will mainly be shaped."

We cannot afford space for more than the above extracts of Professor HENRY's interesting lecture. It was listened to with great attention throughout, and at its conclusion

Mr. CONGER moved the following resolution, which was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the United States Agricultural Society are presented to Professor HENRY, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, for his interesting and valuable account of the meteorological operations of the Institution, and that he be requested to furnish a report of it for publication in the bulletin of the society; sufficient number of copies being placed at his disposal for distribution among his scientific correspondents and corps of observers.

Dr. SPENCE, of Virginia, paid his tribute of testimony to the high value of these meteorological observations.

Mr. BYINGTON called for a discussion upon the propriety of limiting the term of official incumbency, and expressed his conviction that rotation was productive of much good.

Mr. OLCOTT thought that mere opinions were not of so much value as actual experience upon the subject, and he hoped that the Hon. Messrs. KELLEY and WAGER, ex-Presidents of the New-York State Agricultural Society, would inform the gentlemen present as to what had been the practice in that Society.

Judge KELLEY said that there was no constitutional provision of limitation in the New-York Society, but it had been their constant practice to elect their presiding officer for one year only. They found that each new president brought with him a host of new friends for the Society, who were zealous to make his particular year as successful a one as any previous one. The new presidents came from widely separated counties of the State, and thus the influence of the Society was continually extending.

Mr. WAGER entirely coincided with the views of his friend and colleague, and felt assured that it would be the part of wisdom to adopt a similar policy in the United States Agricultural Society.

The subject was then, on motion of Mr. CASE, of Indiana, laid upon the table.

Mr. C. B. CALVERT, of Maryland, thought that it was a shame that we could not have at the national seat of Government a full collection of specimens of all the forest trees indigenous to America. It would cost but little to accomplish so great an object, for if Congress were to express a wish to that effect there could be no doubt but that each State would willingly send its share of seeds and trees. He would offer appropriate resolutions expressing it as the hope of this Society that Congress should take the matter into consideration.

The resolutions were seconded, and adopted unanimously.

Prof. HENRY said that something had already been done in this direction. A few years ago the Smithsonian Institution had memoralized Congress, and the work of making a great public park was commenced under the superintendence of the late lamented DOWNING, but his death put a temporary stop to its progress. The National Treasury was now in so enfeebled a condition that appropriations could scarcely be hoped for, but he anticipated that no great obstacles would be presented to it when a more favorable state of things should be brought about.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. JAMES S. RUTCHIE, of the City of Superior, Wis., upon the products of that region, and presenting to the Society, for its cabinet, a copious collection of seeds and prepared plants of that State.

Mr. JENKS, a farmer from Virginia, placed before the Society a number of bottles of good cider, made from the juice of the Sorgho, or Chinese Sugar-cane. Mr. JENKS' process is very simple. He treats the juice to bring the feculent matters to the top, whence he removes them by skimming. He then barrels or bottles the liquor, and lets it stand. In about eight days it has become cider, and when fermentation has advanced to the right stage, he bottles it and preserves it as champagne.

All business before the Society having now been transacted, the President, after making some eloquent valedictory remarks, announced the meeting as adjourned *sine die*.

From the River Plate.

By the bark *Wilhelmine*, Captain DILLINGHAM we have Buenos Ayres papers to the 6th of November. The *Commercial Times* of that date gives the following amusing account of the "revolutionary movement," a brief reference to which has already appeared in our columns:

"On the morning of the 28th October, VICTOR CHIRINO, at the head of a promiscuously armed rabble of thirty or forty men, made his appearance in the Guardia del Monte, deposed the authorities, put the Prefect into prison, and issued a proclamation calling upon the country people to join him in putting down the irreligious Government, who were ruining the country. Next day he departed in the direction of Canuelas, and encamped for the night on an estancia near to that town.

The authorities were fortunately previously informed of his approach, and succeeded in collecting a few National Guards, whom they armed the best way they could, one cartridge per head being the allowance of ammunition; and in the meantime despatched chasques to the neighboring partidos, describing their situation and praying for assistance. In the evening a slight skirmish took place, in which a few shots were fired by the rebels, and the National Guards were driven from an outpost they had occupied. The following day the officer in command, DON JOSE ALFARO, despatched his small force to reconnoitre the enemy, while he awaited some reinforcements then close at hand; but the "religious column," who were just then engaged in preparations for breakfast, did not await any further trial of their constancy, but dispersed in most admirable disorder, followed by the National Guards, who succeeded in making seven prisoners, the illustrious chieftain, VICTOR CHIRINO, escaping. Among the spoils of the victors was a cart of warlike stores, which principally consisted of some bundles of aboriginal lances, improvised from broken shears and tacuara canes.

Some arrests have been made in town of persons supposed to be implicated in this affair; D. JUAN G. AGUILAR, a Lieutenant-Colonel out of employment, being the most conspicuous prisoner, as a proclamation has been found bearing his name at foot, in which he is styled the General-in-Chief of the Religious Forces of the Province.

A military personage of the name of DEL CAMPO, has also been arrested on suspicion at Lobos, and forwarded to Chivilcoy.

LEAD-MINING AT GALENA.—A very large number of men are now at work in mining throughout the Lead Region. From the neighborhood of all the different diggings we hear much the same report. The most of the miners are at work in old diggings this Winter, and perhaps there is no more prospecting than in common seasons. This is an indication favorable to a large yield, as prospecting is always coupled with the idea of greater chance or hazard than working mines that have previously been discovered. The aggregate amount of the earnings of the miners this Winter will be large. It is this Winter employment for labor that our Mines furnish, coupled with the great agricultural resources of our soil, that gives this section of country such a decided advantage over any other, and so much greater real value.—*Galena Daily Advertiser, Jan. 10.*

The Douglas and Slidell Affair—Letter from Mr. James B. Sheridan.

From the Washington States.

JANUARY 14, 1859.

To the Editor of the States:

In a communication of the 12th inst., addressed to the editors of the *Union* by the Hon. JOHN SLIDELL, he publishes my name as the person referred to by him in his communication of the 18th of December, in which he says:

"Mr. DOUGLAS has, by authorizing and countenancing anonymous attacks upon me, through a person officiating as his private secretary, lost all claim to the explanation which I would otherwise have promptly volunteered to give him."

When the communication of the 18th of December was published, in the absence of Mr. DOUGLAS, my first impulse was to give the above paragraph a prompt denial, under the impression that I was the person alluded to; but, upon reflection, I discovered that I had no right to assume that Mr. SLIDELL referred to me, for the reason that he only spoke of "anonymous attacks," and I had never written any communication in which the name of Mr. SLIDELL was referred to without accompanying it with my own name in full. Mr. SLIDELL admits, in his communication of the 12th, that my name accompanied the letter to which he referred as having been directed to a gentleman connected with the Press in New-Orleans. That letter was written by myself, on my own responsibility.

It was never seen by Judge DOUGLAS, or was its contents made known to him. I wrote it under the following circumstances, which, I think, were sufficient to justify all that I said: During the campaign in Illinois, I accompanied Judge DOUGLAS, as did also another gentleman, for the purpose of reporting the debates and corresponding with the newspaper Press. Some two or three weeks previous to the election, I left him, and returned to Chicago, where I found the following rumors bearing on this case in circulation, and generally believed: That Dr. BRAINARD (who, as I learned, during the whole of last Winter had been the violent opponent of the President's Kansas policy, and a member of the State Convention of the 21st of April, which nominated the regular Democratic ticket for State officers, and indorsed the course of Judge DOUGLAS and his colleagues in the House of Representatives upon the Lecompton question) had visited Washington or New-York in the month of June, and when he returned had become the bitter enemy of Judge DOUGLAS, and the enthusiastic supporter of the Administration.

That he had circulated a report on his return that in New-York he had had an interview with Senator SLIDELL, and had learned from him that the President and his Cabinet were determined to carry their warfare against Judge DOUGLAS and the Democratic ticket in Illinois to the bitter end, and secure their defeat at all hazards; that he (Dr. BRAINARD) was to be appointed Superintendent of the Marine Hospital in Chicago in the place of Dr. MCVICKER, who was to be removed; and that Mr. SLIDELL was to make a visit to Chicago during the Summer, to advise upon the plan of campaign against the Democracy of Illinois. I learned also that Dr. BRAINARD had been appointed Superintendent of the Marine Hospital, and that Mr. SLIDELL had made a visit to Chicago, and had spent several days in close communication with the Federal officeholders, who were acting in concert with the Abolitionists to defeat the Democratic Party, thus verifying what Dr. BRAINARD had reported was to take place.

Immediately after Mr. SLIDELL left Chicago, the story was put in circulation that the slaves belonging to the children of Judge DOUGLAS in Mississippi were treated in a barbarous and shameful manner, and I was informed that this slander emanated from Dr. BRAINARD, who had stated that he had received it from Mr. SLIDELL's own lips, and that the Senator remarked at the time that he felt great delicacy in making the statement, because the gentleman in whose possession the slaves had been left, was his own personal and political friend. I learned further that Dr. BRAINARD had gone to the editors of the *Press & Tribune*, an Abolition paper published in Chicago, and had given them the same story, with the name of Mr. SLIDELL as its author; and I saw published in that paper the story with the distinct statement that the editors had the authority of the Hon. JOHN SLIDELL for the facts. Under these circumstances I could not doubt, nor did any of our friends doubt, that Mr. SLIDELL had given currency to this slander, because he was the only man who had visited Chicago, of whom we had any knowledge, who could pretend to a personal knowledge of the matter.

Certain it is that his name stood until after the election uncontradicted as the author of this "base fabrication," which was published during Senator DOUGLAS' absence from Chicago, and at a time when it was most calculated to injure him. Judge DOUGLAS' friends were naturally indignant, and I, participating in that indignation, did not hesitate to inclose to the editor of a New-Orleans paper a copy of the slander, as published in the Abolition Press, and accompany it with such terms of denunciation as I thought it deserved, for the purpose of letting Mr. SLIDELL's constituents and the Democracy of Louisiana know the course he had pursued in Illinois to defeat Judge DOUGLAS and the Democratic Party.

A passage in Mr. SLIDELL's letter of the 12th, insinuates that Judge DOUGLAS franked my letters. This is not true. I paid the postage on all my private letters.

JAMES B. SHERIDAN.

[Mr. SHERIDAN's communication was received yesterday, but at too late an hour for publication.—*Ed. States.*]

Letter from Senator Rice of Minnesota.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 1, 1859.

C. W. Cottom, Editor Democrat, Winona.

DEAR SIR: In reply to yours of the 25th ult., I have to say, that, for my *official* acts, I hold myself responsible to the *people of Minnesota*; for my political acts I am responsible to the Democratic Party—and, whether right or wrong, my actions in either respect will not be concealed; for it is far more satisfactory to myself, even if in error, to have my course distinctly known, than that any doubts should exist in the minds of my constituents. As little of my time has been, and will be, given to political matters, as possible. You say doubts are entertained as to my vote upon the proposition to displace Judge DOUGLAS from the Chairmanship of Senate Territorial Committee. I voted *against the proposition*. I deemed a change uncalled for and unwise. Perhaps in this connection it will not be improper for me to say, that I have thus far supported Mr. BUCHANAN, and shall continue so to do, believing that the time will soon come when the American people, without distinction of party, will look back upon his Administration with admiration and pride. I am truly yours, H. M. RICE.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDAR—TUESDAY, Jan. 18.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 9, 2, 48, 78, 108, 109, 111, 40, 81, 51, 52, 57, 58, 59, 64.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—*Part I.*—Nos. 67, 65, 64, 61, 62, 71, 63, 337, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363. *Part II.*—Nos. 340, 370, 372, 378, 386, 394, 396, 400, 140, 2320, 404, 412, 416, 418, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434.

SPECIAL TERM.—Nos. 154, 155, 156, 158, 160, 161, 2, 53, 97, 43, 125, 105, 117, 164, 165, 81, 90, 123, 130, 131, 134.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Nos. 112, 293, 4, 3, 209, 306, 318, 342, 310, 360, 364, 368 to 372, 375, 377, 5, 182, 267, 291, 326, 33, 50, 321.

COMMON PLEAS—*Part II.*—Nos. 220, 180, 235, 236, 239, 242, 144, 208, 244, 245, 246, 248, 249, 250, 252.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Roosevelt.

DECISIONS.

Joseph M. Phinney vs. *Theodore W. Phinney.*—Demurrer allowed and complaint dismissed with costs, unless plaintiffs elect to amend, which they may do in twenty days.

Samuel Waggoner, Trustee, vs. *Wesley Lyon et al.*; *Henry Waggoner* vs. *the same.*—Judgment for plaintiff by default.

Theodore Knauth et al. vs. *Isaac H. Bassett et al.*—Complaint dismissed with costs.

Laurett A. Williams vs. *Lillion Hasler et al.*—Demurrer overruled without costs; Guardian to answer within twenty days.

George T. Jackson vs. *William A. Fassit et al.*—Motion for a new trial denied for want of jurisdiction in the Special Term to entertain the proceeding.

Before Justice Davies.

In re, Augustus Jay.—Let an order be entered to pay the guardian the sum of $1,500 per annum from Feb. 6, 1856.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Slosson.

Henry Weldon vs. *George W. Thorp.*—Ordered that the New-York Life Insurance and Trust Company pay to the defendant, or to John R. Flanagan, his attorney, the sum of $961 91, deposited with them to the credit of this action by the Clerk of this Court, with the interest thereon.

Cornelius T. De Bow vs. *John Smith.*—Ordered to be restored to the calendar for trial, plaintiff to pay the defendant $20, to file bond as a non-resident plaintiff, and to serve copy and sureties to justify if excepted to.

The Mad River Valley Branch of the State Bank of Ohio vs. *James Lee et al., and three other causes against the same.*—Demurrers allowed by default, with leave to amend.

Thomas Otis Le Roy et al., vs. *Alfred Booth.*—Injunction granted by default.

Before Chief Justice Bosworth.

Austin Melville vs. *Harmony Fire Insurance Company.*—Ordered to be discontinued without costs.

Charles T. Platt vs. *Hudson River Railroad Company.*—Plaintiff, within twenty days after service of this order, to furnish defendant a further account of particulars of his claim, specifying various matters directed in the order. Defendants to have twenty days to answer after service of such further account, and to allow plaintiff to examine books and accounts referred to, and to take copies and extracts whenever requested.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Simpson vs. *McArthur et al.*—This was an action for false imprisonment consisting in procuring the arrest of plaintiff in a civil suit brought by defendants against plaintiffs in the Superior Court. The cause was tried by HILTON, J., without a jury.

Held, that to authorize a recovery in an action for false imprisonment plaintiff must show, 1, the detention; 2, that it was unlawful. The latter was not shown. The imprisonment of a person by virtue of an order or process issued by a judge or officer possessing authority to grant it, can in no case be unlawful or false. And as the Judge of the Superior Court had power to make such an order, plaintiff showed no cause of action and defendants were entitled to judgment.

Bostwick, receiver vs. *Beirger.*—*Held*, that upon the facts established in this case the assignment must be adjudged fraudulent and void. Judgment for plaintiff for an accounting.

Before Judge Brady.

Marsh vs. *Adee*, and *Hurdt* vs. *Pettit.*—Cases settled.

MARINE COURT—GENERAL TERM.

DECISIONS.

JUDGMENTS AFFIRMED.—Taylor *vs.* Blake; Hart *vs.* Durham; Oatman *vs.* Poullon; Hutton *vs.* Pettigrew; Miller *vs.* Adams Express Company; Canfield *vs.* Manhattan Gas Company, (THOMPSON, J., dissenting;) Blauvelt *vs.* Montague; Bedford *vs.* Pecaune; Sager *vs.* Nicholls; Stevens *vs.* Story; The Mayor, &c., *vs.* Brainard, (THOMPSON, J., dissenting;) Batcher *vs.* Rummont; Witherall *vs.* Campbell; Vanderpool *vs.* Richards.

JUDGMENTS REVERSED.—Runkle *vs.* Yerance; Howe *vs.* Julian, (MCCARTHY, J., dissenting;) Higgins *vs.* Gray; Barker *vs.* Gwin, (MAYNARD, J., dissenting;) Chalmers *vs.* Nesbitt; Andrews *vs.* Jones; Cooper *vs.* Thomason; Lawler *vs.* Stone, (THOMPSON, J., dissenting;) Benton *vs.* James, (MAYNARD, J., dissenting;) Stephens *vs.* Albert.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Jan. 17—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the leading kinds of Produce, since noon of Saturday, have been: 1,744 bbls. and 1,224 sacks Flour, 1,242 bushels Barley, 98 bushels Malt, 192 bushels Oats, 484 pkgs. Provisions, and 208 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are in moderate request at $5 62½ for Pots, and $6 for Pearls, ℔ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—The demand is good at full prices. Sales, to-day: 1,000 bags Laguayra at 11⅞@12c.; and 600 bags St. Domingo on terms not to be published. The receipts of Rio during the week reached 14,500 bags. Stock of Rio and Santos, in first hands, this evening, 20,000 bags.

COTTON—Sales have been reported of 1,800 bales at unchanged prices.

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. O. & Tex.
Ordinary, ℔ lb...	10¼	10¼	10⅜	10⅜
Middling, ℔ lb..	11⅞	12	12⅛	12⅛
Middl'g Fair, ℔ lb.	12⅛	12⅝	12⅞	13
Fair, ℔ lb.....	12⅝	13	13¼	13½

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market is not very brisk for State and Western Flour, owing mainly to the increasing firmness of sellers, who are asking higher prices for desirable lots; sales 8,000 bbls.

Unsound State, ℔ bbl	$3 75 @ 4 50
Superfine State	4 75 @ 5 00
Extra State	5 50 @ 5 75
Superfine Western	4 80 @ 5 10
Fancy Ohio	5 35 @ 5 45
Extra Indiana and Michigan	5 40 @ 6 75
Extra Ohio	5 70 @ 7 00
Fancy Genesee	5 75 @ 5 85
Extra Genesee	6 00 @ 7 75
Low to very choice Extra Missouri	6 00 @ 8 50

Canadian continues in demand at buoyant rates; sales 300 bbls., at $6@$6 85 for low to very choice extra, including 350 bbls. extra, to stop at Albany, at $6 50, ℔ bbl. Southern is in fair request, at strengthening prices; sales 1,600 bbls., at $5 20@$5 55 for mixed and straight brands, and $5 60@$8 75 for low fancy to very choice extra brands, ℔ bbl. Rye Flour is in demand at $3 40@$4 10 for fine to superfine, ℔ bbl. Corn Meal is moderately inquired for at $3 50@$3 60 for Jersey, and $4 10@$4 15 for Brandywine, ℔ bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat is sparingly offered at firmer prices. Hence, business is somewhat restricted; sales have been reported of 27,500 bushels, including very good White Western at $1 42@$1 43, strictly Prime Red do. (Winter) at $1 35, and Sound Chicago Spring at $1 05 ℔ bushel. Corn has been purchased to the extent of 41,500 bushels at 85c.@87c. for old mixed Western, and 82c.@86c. for poor to prime new Yellow Southern, ℔ bushel, indicating a firmer market. Some Jersey Rye was sold at 80c. ℔ bushel. Barley has been more sought after, and sales have been reported of 20,000 bushels State within a range of from 70c.@92c. ℔ bushel. Oats are in good request at buoyant prices. Wesjuote Canada, 61c.@62½c.; Western, 58c.@61c.; State, 55c.@59c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania, 52c.@56c., Southern, 48c.@52c. ℔ bushel.

HAY—Saturday's quotations are maintained, but the transactions to-day have been quite limited.

HEMP—Is dull and nominal here. In Boston sales have been made of 500 bales Jute at $80 ℔ ton, 6 months, and 200 bales Sunn, at 4½c. ℔ lb, 8 months, to be delivered here.

HOPS—Are in request at previous rates.

IRON—Is inactive, yet in view of the small supplies here, holders ask full prices.

LEAD—The demand is fair, and prices are sustained.

MOLASSES—Sales have been made since our last of 300 bbls. New-Orleans at 40c.; and 140 hhds. Cuba on terms not disclosed.

NAVAL STORES—The leading kinds are stiffly held, but business is tame.

OILS—Linseed continues in good request at 67c.@69c. ℔ gallon, chiefly within the range. Nothing really new in other kinds.

PROVISIONS—Pork has improved, with sales reported of 2,000 bbls., in lots, at $17 62½@$17 75 for new Mess here, and deliverable in February; $17 10@$17 25 for old Mess, and $13 15@$12 25 for Prime, ℔ bbl. Cut Meats continue in fair demand, including Hams at 9c.@9½c., Sides at 7¾c.@8¼c., Shoulders at 6c.@6½c. ℔ lb. Bacon is in good request, chiefly at 8½c.@11c. ℔ lb. Lard is more inquired for at former rates; sales 1,200 bbls., at, part here, 11½c.@11¾c., ℔ lb. Beef continues in demand, at uniform rates. Sales, to-day, 350 bbls., at $8 75@$10 50 for repacked Western Mess; $10 75@$11 50 for extra do.; $7 75@$9 for Country Mess; $6@$6 75 for do. Prime, ℔ bbl.; Prime Mess Beef, $16@$19 ℔ tc., Beef Hams, $13@$16 ℔ bbl. Butter is in fair request, at 12c.@20c. for Ohio; 16c.@22c. for common to good State, and 22c.@26c. for prime to choice State, ℔ lb. Cheese is selling moderately at 8c.@9¾c. ℔ lb.

RICE—Sales 200 tcs., at $3 25@$3 75 ℔ 100 lbs.

SEEDS—In Boston, 1,500 pockets Calcutta Linseed have been sold at $1·70, cash, ℔ bushel, now held at $1 75, with $1 72½ refused.

SPICES—Sales here, to-day, 10 cases Nutmegs at 55c.; 250 mats Cassia at 28c.; 200 bags Pepper at 9¾c.; and 1,500 bags Pimento, on private terms. In Boston, sales have been made of 6,000 lbs. No. 1 Nutmegs at 51c.@52½c., now held at 55c.; 5,000 mats and 300 cases Cassia at 25c.; 4,500 bags Pepper at 8⅞c.@9c., chiefly at 9c., 1 ℔ cent. off, six months; 200 bales Cloves at 7¾c.; 100 bags Pimento at 6c.; and 17,000 lbs. Ginger, in pockets, at 4¼c.

SUGARS—The demand is good, and prices favor sellers. The transactions, to-day, include 354 hhds. New-Orleans at 6½c.@8¾c., chiefly at 7¾c.@8¼c., with some Clarified as high as 9¼c.; 350 hhds. Cuba Muscovado at 7¾c.; 240 hhds. unpurged at 5½c., net, cash; and 2,500 bags Bahia at about 7¾c. ℔ lb.

New-York Sugar Trade Statistics.

	Stock Jan. 1, 1859.	Imports Jan. 1 to 15.	Sales Jan. 1 to 15.	Stock Jan. 15, 1859.
Cuba, hhds	7,726	870	2,400	6,196
New-Orleans, hhds.	3,528	7,500	5,400	5,628
Porto Rico, hhds	1,011	—	450	561
Melado, hhds	608	470	550	528
Havana, boxes	14,489	1,650	2,400	13,739

Prices of Sugars in New-York, Jan. 15, 1859.

Melado	3c. @5c.	Br'n Havana	7¾c.@7¾c.
Muscovado	6¾c.@7½c.	Yellows	7¾c.@8¾c.
New-Orleans	6¾c.@8c.	Florettas	8¾c.@9½c.
Porto Rico	6¾c.@8c.	White	9¾c.@9¾c.
Curorocha	6¾c.@7¼c.		

TALLOW—Sales, 8,000 lbs. Prime, at private bargain.

WHISKY—Is held at 28c.@28¾c. ℔ gallon, with a moderate inquiry, and sales of 300 bbls.

FREIGHTS—Continue inactive, in the absence of any considerable export movement in the leading kinds of domestic produce, such as Breadstuffs and Provisions. For Liverpool there were taken 300 boxes Cheese, at 30s.; for London, 500 bbls. Resin at 2s. 3d.; for other ports nothing really new.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned School Officers of the XVIIth Ward, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until Saturday, Jan. 29, 1859, at 12 o'clock, noon, for doing the mason work, carpenter work, and painting necessary for the erection and completion of a new school house on 14th-st., near the 1st-av., in said Ward, according to plans and specifications on file and to be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 94 Crosby-st. Proposals must state the estimate price for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposals for Mason Work," "Proposals for Carpenter Work," and "

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Amusements this Evening.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—Our American Cousin—The Captain is not a Miss.

WALLACK'S THEATRE—The Veteran, or France and Algeria.

BURTON'S NEW THEATRE—O'Neil the Rebel—Jibberowasay.

FURDY'S NATIONAL THEATRE—Kit Carson—Golden Axe—Knights of the Mist.

BOWERY THEATRE—Three Fast Men—Female Minstrels.

BROADWAY THEATRE—Rookwood—Robinson Crusoe.

BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM—The Wren Family.

WOOD'S BUILDINGS—Ethiopian Minstrelsy.

PALACE GARDEN—The Chechini Troupe.

BROADWAY, NEAR BLEECKER-STREET—Banvard's Destruction of Jerusalem.

Mails Close at the Post-Office.

North—Albany, Buffalo and Canadas.....3 P. M.
North and West Way Mail.....5½ A. M.
Western Mail *vid* Erie Railroad...5½ A. M. and 3 P. M.
South and Southwestern Mail.....7 A. M. and 4½ P. M.
East for Boston, by Railroad.....5½ A. M. and 1½ P. M.
East for Boston, by Steamboat.....3 P. M.

The Overland Mail for California leaves St. Louis every Monday and Thursday, at 8 A. M. Letters designed for it should be marked "Overland, *vid* St. Louis."

The Overland Mail from St. Joseph (Mo.) to Placerville, *vid* Salt Lake City, leaves St. Joseph every Saturday, at 8 A. M. Letters should be marked "Overland, *vid* St. Joseph."

Ocean Mail Steamers.

The European mails by the *Africa*, hence for Liverpool, to-morrow, Jan. 19, will close at the New-York Post-Office at 8 o'clock A. M.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The death of Mr. Harris, of Illinois, was announced in Congress yesterday, and, consequently, very little public business was done. In the Senate, previous to the eulogies on such occasions, Mr. Seward offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information relative to the palm-oil trade on the Coast of Africa. The Committee on Territories were instructed, on motion of Mr. Shields, to inquire into the expediency of organizing that portion of the original Territory of Minnesota lying west of the present State. A petition was presented from various agents of steamship lines between New-York and Europe, which was referred to the Committee on Post Roads, praying for a modification of the law relative to exportations. The joint resolution providing for the reinstatement of Commodore Stewart in his former position in the Navy was called up, on motion of Mr. Hale, and passed, 37 to 14. Friday of each week was appointed for the consideration of private bills. A debate, lasting upwards of an hour, took place on a motion to take from the table the resolution directing the Finance Committee to report a bill to limit the expenditures of the Government within the revenue. The matter was not disposed of. In the House a resolution was adopted, that during the ensuing two weeks the House will hold evening sessions for general debate. Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, made an effort to have Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week set apart for Territorial business, but it failed.

The House Special Committee on the Pacific Railroad yesterday took decidedly adverse action with reference to the prosecution of that enterprise. They voted down all propositions looking to its immediate construction, leaving only the resolution offered by Mr. Stevenson, of Kentucky, that "it is impolitic to embark in the construction of any road at this time."

Very little of public interest occurred in the Legislature yesterday. The Senate passed a joint resolution requiring our Representatives in Congress to oppose any increase in the rates of postage. The bill to punish prize fighting was also passed. In the Assembly notice was given of intention to introduce a bill providing for the payment by one dollar per day compensation to petit jurors in this City, and five dollars additional fees to the Clerks of Courts for each cause tried by Jury. Mr. Wilson gave notice of his intention to introduce three bills—one requiring a report from the Superintendent of the Banking Department, within one year, of unclaimed deposits in the Savings Banks for the past ten years; another requiring that Senators and Assemblymen must be residents of the Districts for which they are elected, and the other providing a method for calling a convention for the amendment of the Charter of this City. Mr. Tuthill had unanimous consent to report from the Committee on Commerce the bill to repeal the act for the removal of Quarantine, and it was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From the statement of a passenger on board the schooner *North Wind*, by the arrival of which at Boston we were put in possession of the fact of a successful revolution having been inaugurated in Hayti against the Emperor Soulouque, we learn further interesting particulars. The main features of the movement are as represented in the dispatch published yesterday morning. The Republic was publicly proclaimed on the 23d of December, and Gen. Jeffard was named Provisional President. The Constitution had been signed by the authorities of the principal cities before-mentioned as having joined the movement.

According to the latest intelligence from New-Mexico, the alleged peace with the Navajo Indians seems to rest on a very unstable basis. The armistice agreed upon does not provide for the surrender of the murderers of Major Brooks' servant, which has previously been insisted upon, and both the Superintendent of Indian Affairs and the Commander of the Military Department say they will consent to no peace on such terms. They require the return of all property taken, both public and private, and the establishment of a line east by which the Indians cannot advance, either for tilling the soil or for grazing stock.

The long-mooted question, "Can a civil action for libel be maintained against a corporation?" was decided negatively yesterday by the U. S. Supreme Court, in the case of Quigley against the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Co. The Court reversed the judgment of the Circuit Court at Baltimore.

William Kennedy, the sole survivor of the ship *Margaret Tyson*, of this port, arrived here several days since from Boston, which port he reached by the bark *Azor*, from Fayal. He was recognized by the person through whose instrumentality he was shipped (Mr. Dowdle) as the "boy" whose name was entered on the articles as "Patrick Kennedy." The owners of the ship, and the agents of the insurers, have held long conversations with Kennedy, but they have failed to elicit any very intelligible account of the disaster, owing to his extreme ignorance of sea life. The main facts of the shipwreck, however, as previously published, are adhered to, including the story of his being 17 days on the wreck, during which he subsisted on fish that were washed on the raft, while he obtained water by holding up his shoes when it rained. The last of the four men who perished on his raft, he says, attempted to bite a piece out of his leg while in the agonies of starvation.

The Board of Aldermen, last evening, considered the report of the Special Committee appointed to examine the Tax Levy for 1859. Part of the report was read, a number of amendments—all of them increasing the Tax Levy—were adopted, and the Board adjourned to Thursday. Nothing was done in relation to the City Inspector.

In the Board of Councilmen, last evening, Councilman Cornell offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the Comptroller to report by what authority the southeast portion of the Battery is used for ferry purposes, and what amount of rent is paid for the part so used. The same gentleman offered a resolution directing the Comptroller to advertise the lease of a ferry to run from the Battery to Staten Island: referred to Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips. Councilman Platt offered resolutions having in view the removal of the stands around the markets, and also one directing an inquiry into the expediency of removing Washington Market to some more convenient locality on the North River. Both were referred to the appropriate Committees. Councilman Van Tine submitted a resolution directing the appointment of a Special Committee which should report some means of preventing fraud in the sale of coal. Adopted. A resolution submitted by Councilman Allen, dismissing the Special Committee appointed to consider Mr. McAdam's claim to the seat in the Board, awarded to Mr. Ferar, was laid on the table

The Coroner's inquest was commenced yesterday in the case of the late murder in the Sixth Ward. The evidence thus far indicates John Glass, one of the prisoners arrested very soon after the murder, as the person who fired the fatal shots. James Lotus, the present constable of the Sixth Ward—he was elected at the last charter election—was arrested yesterday forenoon, on suspicion of being implicated in the murder. The body of Owens, the murdered man, was yesterday given in charge of his friends and will, today, be interred in Greenwood. Mr. Decker, the proprietor of the house No. 21 Elm-street, is lying very low at the City Hospital, and only the slightest hope is entertained of his recovery. The inquest will be resumed at 9 o'clock this morning at the Sixth Ward Station-house.

The two English convicts who arrived here a few days ago on the *Washington*, and who told Mayor Tiemann they would have to return to their former profession (they were burglars) if they were not provided with food, have been sent back to England by the Mayor, at the expense of the owners of the *Washington*.

The New-York Typographical Society celebrated the 153d anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birthday last night by a ball and supper at Niblo's. At the supper, Mayor Tiemann presided, and several pleasant speeches were made. The affair passed off very agreeably.

Dr. J. G. Holland lectured last evening before the Historical Society, on "American Social Life." After sketching its elements, he showed where we as a people are deficient in the cultivation of that sociability which characterizes the people of France and Germany, and in conclusion urged the necessity of Christianity cultivating this spirit. The Hon. Luther Bradish announced that the next lecture of the course would be delivered by the Hon. David Paul Brown, on "Stratford-on-Avon."

A destructive fire occurred last night, at No. 68 Duane-street, the loss by which is estimated at $30,000. The particulars will be found elsewhere.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Judge Russell presiding, although it was the commencement of the third week of the term, very little business was transacted. Angelo Teffani was convicted of an attempt at grand larceny, and sentenced to two years in the State Prison. Similar punishment was awarded to John V. Duclose, who pleaded guilty to stealing Mr. Cuelet's bay horse, worth $250. Chas. Miller, for stealing nine fancy fowls, was sent for punishment to the Penitentiary. The evidence against Barney McGory, for stealing 800 lbs. of sheet lead, was slight, and the Jury not agreeing, he was set at liberty, with the liability to future arrest hanging over him, like the sword of Damocles.

The sales of Cotton, yesterday, reached 1,800 bales, at steady prices. Flour, Wheat and Corn were in demand and were dearer. Provisions and Groceries exhibited considerable animation and buoyancy. The movements in other branches of trade were unimportant.

The President and Cuba.

In the ordinary walks of commerce it is common for the party who desires to become the purchaser of a rare or costly article, to observe a certain prudence in approaching the holder thereof. If he takes any pains at all in carrying out his design, it is rather with the object of concealing than of publishing his anxiety to buy. And this obviously circumspect rule will equally apply to transactions out of the ordinary channels of mere commerce. The anxiety of the purchaser is pretty certain to lead to the reluctance of the seller, and to enhance the cost of the coveted article.

Mr. James Buchanan, however, is not a commercial man. He has a soul above buttons, and does not pretend to apply common business rules to the affairs of this commercial country, even when he meditates so gigantic a bargain as the purchase of the Island of Cuba. He professes to desire the acquisition of that colony; and he professes so loudly, so determinedly, and so incessantly, as to create the impression that he is only at his old tricks of evasion and duplicity again, and that, in truth, he only cares to make a little splash in the waters of notoriety, prior to hanging himself out to dry in the obscure repose which awaits him at the close of his present highly uncongenial career. It may, indeed, fairly be doubted whether the President really cares at all about the possession of Cuba by the United States. He is probably looking at the possible popularity of such an idea, and that is enough for him. Considerations of honesty, expediency or courtesy in the matter do not appear to trouble his venerable head. With the simple object (whatever it may be) which presents itself to his mind under the guise of the four letters which spell Cuba, he sets out to plod through everything that may be in his way, even though he has to wade, up to the neck, in the millions of dollars he prates about so glibly. But, we fear that, like the philosopher who, while gazing at the stars, fell into the water, Mr. Buchanan's ardor will be a little damped before he succeeds in overcoming the reluctance of Spain to meet the views of so over-anxious a buyer; and that both his Cuba scheme and himself will speedily fall through helplessly. The President has rushed out into the refreshing atmosphere of Cuba like a rocket. We imagine he will come down before long very like the adjective contrivance which belongs to that engine of ephemeral brilliancy.

The acquisition of Cuba by the United States is not a new idea with this paper. The Times has frequently recounted the advantages, both to this country, to Cuba, and to Spain herself, which would inevitably accrue from the junction of that Island with this Confederation, provided the union could be effected with perfect fairness, and with the full consent of both parties to the transfer. But we cannot insist upon buying that which the lawful owner will not sell. Mr. Buchanan appears to think that the mere willingness on the part of the United States to pay so much as a hundred millions of dollars for Cuba, renders Spain's refusal to treat at this enormous figure a high crime and misdemeanor on the part of Spain. We cannot view the matter in such a light. Spain declares herself indisposed to part with Cuba, for any amount of money that Mr. Buchanan's exuberant fancy—fancy man though he may be—can imagine. The babble, therefore, about one hundred millions of dollars amounts to no more than if, instead, a sum of three cents, or another of a hundred billions of dollars were named, especially in view of the present condition of the National Treasury. The Island is not for sale.

But more than this. The President and his friends, in seeking to place at the disposal of the Executive an imaginary sum of thirty millions of dollars, as an installment against a future equally delusive hundred millions or more, for the purchase of Cuba, are behaving with the extreme of discourtesy, and even of insolence, towards Spain. Mr. Buchanan, in his latest official effusion, makes special mention of the summary course which he would adopt in the event of any foreign Powers taking liberties with the domestic policy of the United States; and yet, in distinct opposition to the course which he there lays down for himself, he continues to advertise, in the most offensive manner, his intention to insist on purchasing of Spain what Spain has declared she will not sell. If we reverse the case, and imagine that the Government of Spain were similarly to ignore our social prejudices, and to outrage our national pride, it will not be difficult to conceive the form in which the popular indignation of this country would find expression. Indeed, a contemporary published, yesterday, a letter from some individual in London, mentioning an intention on the part of the British Government to acquire Maine by purchase, or, in the event of the United States not desiring to part with that State, by force! This insane joke can, of course, only excite ridicule here; but if such a project were seriously entertained by Lord Derby's cabinet, the magniloquent indignation which Mr. Buchanan would assume for the occasion can be readily imagined. The course of the President and his friends, then, is one alike insulting to Spain and unworthy of the United States. To presume on our superiority of force over that of Spain is only to prove our inferiority in the qualities which make a people great. To attempt to cast upon another and a weaker Power indignities to which we ourselves would not submit, is to degrade ourselves rather than to debase the nation which is the object of our insult.

We quite concede the two important facts, that it would be desirable to possess Cuba, and that the only proper way of obtaining the island will be by purchase. But, while it necessarily requires the coöperation of two parties to effect a bargain, it should at least be an object with us to acquire the Island which we seek to obtain, as economically as possible. This purpose we must hopelessly defeat if we continually cry out in all the market-places of the world that we must have Cuba at any cost, and are prepared to pay any money that Spain may be minded to ask for it. Even Cuba might cost too much. The Government, therefore, would better serve its object by decent patience than by violent haste and unseemly rudeness. The purchase of Cuba may, and no doubt will, be attained by-and-by; but we confess that we are not among those who permit themselves to expect that so delicate, and at the same time so important, an undertaking can be managed by Mr. Buchanan.

Health of the City—The Inspectorship.

If suffering long be in any sense an equivalent for long-suffering, that Christian grace must be fairly predicated of the people of this City. The ineffable assurance with which their chosen servants, when their period of service has expired, and successors appear to replace them, snap their corrupt fingers in the faces of an astounded constituency, and defy law, authority and popular opinion, is certainly the most gratifying tribute which private vice could by any possibility pay to public virtue. We exult unreasonably that here, in contrast with other Republics, our revolutions are silently wrought at the ballot-box; whereas the fact is the agents we elevate to office by that pacific means, it requires a resolution to eject and replace. Indeed, if the most conclusive proof of a revolutionary state of affairs be the necessity of declaring a "state of siege," one office after another of our City Government is in that condition every year, to the fatal disturbance of our political machinery. It is so at the present moment with the City Inspectorship. The actual occupant of that post was chosen, by popular vote, to serve for three years; the term expiring on the 1st of Jan. 1859. The old charter, under which he was elected, declared that he could only hold the position until the expiration of his term; and accordingly, his incumbency since that epoch is clearly an act of usurpation. In the new charter of 1857, enacted with direct purpose to eject him and such as he from their places, it was provided that their successors, appointed by the Mayor, by and with the consent of the Aldermen, should hold over beyond their time, until the appointment of successors. This provision Mr. Morton thinks proper to apply to himself; and persists in filling, not administering, the office. In this course he is sustained by the Counsel to the Corporation, who furnishes the requisite legal opinion to order; and by the Board of Aldermen, who resolutely determine that the appointing power shall not take effect. Mr. Morton, in defiance of the letter and the spirit of laws, the validity of which, though for a time ridiculously questioned, is now settled by the final appellate tribunals, is in his small way attempting a repetition of the Fernando Wood revolution of 1857.

That the City Inspectorship has not fulfilled for three years past any of the objects of its creation, is a record legible in the returns of mortality; in the opinions of a unanimous medical faculty; in the condition of the streets; in the utter disregard of all domestic sanitary safeguards, which it has been within the power of the bureau to establish. We have walked through mire, and dust, and filth: among reeking death and foul pestilence. Parents in alarm cry out at the frightful mortality of children; and they can only be told by the physicians that such fatal result is the inevitable consequence of the municipal impurity. At the end of each week, as we read the bill of mortality, we demand, How is it that in this great seaboard metropolis, washed on all sides by rapid waters, ventilated by the free admission of sea-air and the descending winds of the Highlands, supplied with the matchless water of the Croton, and with peculiar advantages for drainage—irrigation, if need be—and cheap purgation, the ratio of deaths should so far exceed that of other populous cities? Why is it that *one* in *twenty-seven* of our citizens perishes every year; while in Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, *one* in *forty-two* is the ordinary average; and elsewhere the proportion is still smaller?

Skill, common-sense and history, have one reply. The condition of the City streets, of City houses, is so unspeakably bad; the want of hygienic knowledge, of the precautionary rules of health, of what constitutes, in short, the elements of modern sanitary reform, in the proper department, is so extreme, as to utterly counteract and defeat the otherwise peculiar advantages of the City. Science assures us that for the last seven years 9,098 people have died here yearly, *needlessly*, simply for the want of the commonest sanitary provisions; an aggregate of 63,636 lives laid at the door of the City Inspector, who has spent mounds of money, and has done nothing. And history advises us that when a medical man did occupy the post, the frightful ratio of death reached no such appalling figure; that the people had not to contend for life, at once with the costly exactions of a City residence, and with the pestilent and lurking sickness to which municipal remissness exposed them. With this showing before us there would seem to be but one issue. Had we no knowledge of the man Morton, we should surely presuppose that he would shudder at the terrible responsibility these facts heaped upon a negligent officer; that day and night he would employ his multiplied agencies and resources to battle the destroyer of the people; that should he discover any failure of success in his own scientific incompetency, he would shrink with horror from retaining his useless place a day. And yet the contrary of all this is the fact. Morton and mortality are allies. He gloats over the growing list of the dying. Surrounded with the scum and refuse of back-stairs politicians and dependants, holding subordinate positions of inactivity, he hails the swelling tide of death, with apparently infinite self-satisfaction; and labors to discover some abuse of law that shall prolong his reckless abuse of office.

Our present Mayor, horrified at the condition of things in that Department, and stimulated by the public outcry, certainly endeavored to awake some spark of humanity and life-saving energy in the incumbent. He tried in vain. The Inspector was alike inaccessible to shame and pity. The only alternative was to await the close of his worthless term, when it would be possible to reform the office; and accordingly in the annual message, we find the Mayor congratulating the Common Council on the prospect of a new order of things, engaging to nominate at once a skilful medical gentleman to fill the place. This promise he has kept in nominating Dr. S. Conant Foster, as City Inspector. The nomination is understood to meet the approbation of the large body of the medical faculty. There is no word of objection to urge against the candidate; and in the same sanguine temper we have already presupposed, we might imagine the Aldermen would be all solicitude to eject the man who, ghoul-like, has lived on the slaughter of their constituents, and to inaugurate another from whom the people may anticipate some chance for health and life. The supposition is as vain as the other. The Aldermen are fully aware of the entire merits of the case; they know that while they debate hundreds are dying, within rifle-shot of their chamber, of that loathsome disease, a worthless City Inspector; and they know what the laws require and command. Yet they have evidently resolved to set every consideration of law, humanity, and right, aside; and in deference to the promptings of factious politics, retain Morton in place, and save his myrmidons. Their action can have no other meaning. Should they persist, it will be well to have it understood where the accountability rests, and that in the Fathers of the City is revived the legend of the Old Man of the Mountain, whose assassins slew and made waste the people, or the story of that French king who shot down his subjects from a window of his palace.

A Sensible Diplomatist.

Our diplomatic service is not precisely the strongest point of our public organization. The Legations of the United States in foreign parts are commonly, and not unjustly, regarded less as the outposts of the active political army than as the Chelsea Hospital or Hotel des Invalides of public men. Distinguished partisans are sent abroad by the successful chief of their party, either to keep them out of harm's way at home, or to afford them a period of repose after the fatigues of the canvass. It is not, therefore, surprising that small regard should generally be paid by the President, in his distribution of diplomatic favors, to the special qualifications of one or another man for one or another post. Where all are intended to do nothing, it matters little to what particular Castle of Indolence any particular individual may be sent. An idler from Iowa may as well waste his time in Madrid as in Constantinople, in Paris as in London. That respectable Americans traveling abroad should be forced to blush for their country when they find it represented here by a drunkard in the corner of a public hotel, and there by a swindler in a third-rate "hell;" or that, where these intenser mortifications are spared to us, we should find our more intelligent and creditable envoys vexed and harassed by a perpetual struggle with the *res augusta domi*, and vainly endeavoring to simulate the splendid position of a first-class Power on the income of a Turkish *chargé*, or a Russian secretary; these are matters of slight importance to any Administration, when compared with the trouble and danger of any attempt to make the people at large understand how much their country's reputation and influence depend upon the manner and the men of its foreign agencies.

And the day is probably still remote which will see the establishment of a distinct diplomatic service in this country, with members trained to the duties of their position, and fitted in all respects to make their foreign sojourn at once useful and honorable to the nation. We must, therefore, accept the misfortunes of our present system, and make the best of them by bestowing our special commendation upon such representatives of the United States as show any aptitude or disposition to avail themselves of the opportunities of their official residence abroad for the instruction of their constituencies at home. For this reason alone, were the paper itself much less interesting and sensible than it is, we should call attention to a letter which we publish to-day, from our Minister at Berlin (Mr. Wright) to a friend in Indiana. The private correspondence of American Envoys has not been in very good odor since the days in which one Daniels—of Virginia, we believe—who had been sent to recover his health at Turin, favored some newspaper in the Old Dominion with a vulgar and tipsy libel upon the Court and the people of Sardinia. Mr. Wright's epistle is of a very different stamp.

This gentleman's *début* in Berlin was not altogether fortunate. He was abused by newspaper correspondents for giving cold-water dinner parties, and for offering boiled hominy to the majesty of Prussia. But the effect of these ridiculous stories (for the circulation of which the general character of our Diplomatic corps must be held responsible) has gradually given way before the quiet and intelligent course of Mr. Wright; and this letter will confirm the good opinion already entertained of him as a dignified and clear-sighted man, who puts his position to the best uses he can find for it.

Mr. Wright has learned in Germany to appreciate the enormous importance of practical science in the development of national wealth, and also to appreciate the melancholy deficiency of our own countrymen in this great essential of modern progress and prosperity. Instead of flourishing the flag of freedom, and casting the crowns of the "effete monarchies" at the feet of the Genius of Columbia, Mr. Wright tells the good people of his native State that they have not done one-half so much for their magnificent territory as many a petty German province has achieved, and that they are ignorantly allowing themselves to be distanced in the race of national success. The sermon may be laid to heart by other States of the Union as well, for the times are coming in which the desultory and incoherent development of our vast resources must give way to action more scientific and systematic, if we are to hold the place we have rather drifted into than won among the nations.

The immense additions which during the last ten years have been made to the wealth of the world, stimulated into use by the perpetual activity of advancing science, are quickening the oldest countries of the earth into a new vitality, and opening in every direction new regions to power and to progress. With a world "going ahead" in precisely the same directions with ourselves, it is time for us to think somewhat less of "expansion and annexation," and a good deal more of making the most of what we really now possess, and have very imperfectly put to profitable uses.

Our Last Arcadian.

After all we are not so bad as we seem here in this great glittering, selfish, sharp-witted Gotham. The world, indeed, is too much with us, and steals away the bloom and freshness of too many hearts; the doubting fiend whose fatal speed Mrs. Kemble, in one of her sweetest poems, has so feelingly deplored, o'ertakes too soon the youth of many a generous spirit; and thousands of us daily mourn the vanished age of happy illusions and of simple, credulous faith in all our fellow men. But in the wide waste there still is a tree, and a bird in the solitude singing. Few dream of this Arcadian island in the City's midst; and many may, perhaps, be surprised when we tell them that the one pure home of unsophisticated innocence still left to us is Tammany Hall; the one guileless young Rasselas of an unbelieving, evil-thinking, much-suspecting race, the Hon. John Cochrane, Member of Congress and bulwark of the regular Democracy. Yet so it is

On Saturday last the House of Representatives at Washington went into Committee of the Whole to consider an act for the codification of our revenue laws. This subject, we need hardly say, belongs rather to the domain of commerce than to that of politics, and was therefore little calculated to attract the attention of Congress; the chief business of which enlightened body is well understood to be the avoidance of all real business whatever, as its chief delight is the discussion of issues dear to the hearts of Mississippi postmasters, and precious in the eyes of ladies who adorn the lobby.

It would probably have slipped quietly away into the limbo appropriated to such stupidly practical matters, had not Mr. Giddings, of Ohio, suddenly remembered that all our revenues are collected upon imports by sea; that the sea washes the coasts of no less than nine slaveholding American States, and consequently that the negro question was fairly before the House. Thanks to this presence of mind on the part of the venerable statesman from Ohio, the "codification of the revenue laws" was forthwith honored with a salvo of speeches. Mr. Giddings denounced the Democracy, reviled the Dutch who brought slaves to Virginia two hundred and fifty years ago, and hurled the usual "foul scorn" at the Southern oligarchy. A valiant Democrat from Ohio rejoined; other legislators "counted themselves in," and the fray became a *mêlée*. Nothing in all this, the reader will say, to astonish the public mind, and certainly less than nothing of an absolutely Arcadian tendency. Certainly not, but mark the conclusion. As the debate died away, dinner, we presume, approaching, Mr. Cochrane rose and closed the discussion by expressing "his amazement that the Slavery question should be brought into the House *apropos* of a proposal to codify the revenue laws." Suppose Mr. Cochrane sincere, and what are we to think of the primitive community in which he has been politically reared?

Mr. Cochrane and Tammany are assuredly the remnant of those innocents whom Herod slaughtered. The ingenious Oxford clerk, who found a text for a sermon on non-jurors in the book of Job, has been long since outdone by our orators of Pro and Anti-Slavery. From a proposal to modify the rates of postage to an appropriation for buying patent paper-folders, there is no imaginable subject that will not find these gentlemen abundantly in topics for sensation eloquence on the one theme of their thoughts. That Mr. Cochrane should have lived so long, and seen so much of Congress without learning this elementary fact, is a sufficient reason for changing the venerable ensign of Tammany's Pewter Mug. That tap-house of empire must henceforth be known by the good old innkeeper's name (slyly significant to his thoughtless guests) of "The Green Man." And the proceedings of the Sachems, whenever Mr. Cochrane shall hereafter favor them with the light of his countenance, should be opened with choral singing of the noble air "With Verdure Clad."

Spoiling the Park.

The *Journal of Commerce* says it is "not disposed to be sentimental over the trees and grass which make the Park an oasis in the business Sahara of down town," and then proceeds to be as sentimental as possible over this "little green spot where so many generations of Gothamites have sported in their youth," &c. But these sentimental sobbings over the green spots which have been converted into hard pavements and business thoroughfares are very natural to people of a conservative turn of mind, who are always bewailing any changes which do not happen to benefit their own property. Many a pleasant little spot of greenery and blossoming trees, and many a productive cabbage garden, have had to yield to the exigencies of commerce and the spread of population.

There are plenty of old people who can remember when everywhere above the City Hall were green fields, orchards and pleasant country seats, and it is very natural that they should lament the great change that has come over the face of the island on which this great City is spreading itself. Forty years ago there were no stores in the neighborhood of the Park; it was surrounded by private dwellings, which derived their value, in a great degree, from their vicinage to this "oasis." The greater part of the business of the City was transacted then below Fulton-street, and no inconveniences were experienced from having so great a space taken out of the very heart of the City and set apart for grass and trees. But it is a long time since there has been a dwelling house near the Park, and the generations of Gothamites who once walked on the grass, and reposed beneath the willows and sycamores, have yielded to the force of circumstances, and moved miles away up town.

Neither they, nor their descendants have any need of the Park, a much larger and better place of rustic recreation having been provided for them, at great cost, by the City. The trees in the Park are wormy and a nuisance; the grass, what little there is of it, is dusty, and fenced in so that it cannot be enjoyed by anybody; and the open paths, for lack of proper paving, are too muddy when it is wet, and too dusty when it is dry, to be of any service. The Park has been spoilt, we admit, or it is to be, by carrying Beekman-street through the lower end; and what will be left after this truncating process will not be worth preserving. There will be nothing to do but to spoil it still more by cutting down the trees, removing the fences, laying a suitable pavement, and throwing it open to the use of the people, who greatly need the relief it will afford to the pressure of travel just at this point. In spoiling the Park we shall greatly improve the City, and render the open space around the City Hall more beneficial, in a sanitary point of view, than it is now.

The sentimentalists who bewail every change that is demanded by the [illegible] ments of commerce upon the green spots of the City, will have to hang their harps on some other willows than those that surround the fountain in the Park, for they will not be permitted to stand there much longer. "The musical rustle of the leaves," which the *Journal of Commerce* thinks so charming in the Park, we have never been able to enjoy—though we have excellent opportunities for doing so—owing to the incessant roar of omnibus wheels, and the rattling of carriages generally; and as to the "emerald twinkling on the grass," the most resolute fancy would fail to discover anything of the kind under the dust which veils from the natural eye all the emerald tints which should be the property of the grass in the Park. We do not wonder that our commercial contemporary should so "babble of green fields," for the atmosphere of Water-street being redolent of coal-tar and bilge-water, must sharpen the sense of desire, and create a longing for rural sights and smells. But a few moments' personal observation would be sufficient to satisfy the most earnest advocate of the City Hall Park that it does not afford those rustic delights which all men covet, and none more than the weary denizens of dusty streets. There are plenty of up-town parks for all lovers of nature, and the Central Park, where the whole City may enjoy the pleasures of shady groves and emerald grass-plots, such as they can never enjoy in the miscalled Park.

Amusements.

Wallack's Theatre.—A new play is always an interesting event at this establishment. It gathers together the loose fragments of the literary world as if by natural laws, and insures an audience at once interesting and critical. There was something more than the usual demonstrations last night, when Mr. Lester Wallack's drama, called "The Veteran; or, France and Algiers," was presented for the first time. The principal part devolving on Mr. Wallack, Sr., who has not assumed a new *rôle* for many years, much curiosity as well as expectation was of course excited. There was something kindly in the title, or at all events in the ideas it suggested, for Mr. Wallack assuredly is a veteran of whom the profession may well feel proud, and towards whom there is but one common sentiment of kindliness. We take it as a hearty omen that Mr. Wallack has laid aside the laurels obtained in his youth with the determination of gathering fresh ones in his maturity. That he can do so no one will question, after the very admirable performance of last night. The hero of Mr. Lester Wallack's piece is *Col. Delmar*, a man of years and honors. He does not accomplish great achievements in the play. He does not awaken strange emotions by the wild intrepidity of his disposition or the warlike insolence of his bearing. There is no effort at huge tribulation, or impossible heroism. All that Mr. Lester Wallack has essayed to depict, Mr. Wallack realizes, namely a gentleman of the Colonel Newcombe order, who loves the young people of his family with wholeness of heart and singleness of purpose; a blundering guardian, worthy gentleman and brave soldier. To save a character like this from the flashy conventionality of the stage requires a combination of qualities too rarely found in the dramatic artists of the present day. The thousand little touches, inflections and diffidences that characterize a gentleman of well-assured position, are things that ordinarily can only be imitated. Their absolute realization must come as a shadow of absolute possession. Mr. Wallack's well-bred gallantry and blundering simplicity of honest purpose, were contrasted and exhibited with happy truth and felicity, and without the slightest admixture of that ludicrous element of stage rank called dignity. He was the *Colonel* as palpably in his lightest moments as though he had been at a Court-martial. The piece does not justify us in describing the character thus ably sustained by Mr. Wallack as a great one, but, as a truthful picture of a noble race of men not at all scarce in the world, it is, we think, one of the pleasantest bits of character-painting we have had the good fortune to see for many a long day.

The plot of the "Veteran" is very sketchy, and suffices simply for the introduction of a series of tableaux and military spectacles. These are admirable; indeed, famous as is this house for "pictures," we doubt if the *habitues* have ever seen anything equal to that of the Zouaves breaking through the falling ruins of the palace to the rescue of their Colonel. The whole idea is bold, and its realization a marvel of mechanical skill. Of a different kind but equally excellent, is the tableaux of the last act, showing the Zouave with band, vivandieres, colors and last, but not least, their Drum-major, represented with startling audacity (as concerns *bâton*) by Mr. Brougham. There are many other points that deserve special attention; every act, in fact, forms a picture of some sort, which may be enjoyably perused. A better mounted piece it has not been our fortune to witness. The scenery is superb; the dresses costly, appropriate and picturesque, and the numerous military and Arabian adjuncts all that could be desired.

The piece is written with much liveliness of style; the first and second acts are quite brilliant; later, the romantic element retards the progress of the dialogue; then we have downright farce alternating with the mysterious cutting of sentinels' throats. With the hasty consideration that a single performance enables us to give to this piece, we are disposed to regard it as one of Mr. Lester Wallack's most successful efforts. It accomplishes the double object of satisfying the eye and pleasing the ear; there is a liberal admixture of good comedy writing with effective melodramatic construction.

The cast was excellent, Mr. Lester Wallack playing the Veteran's son as no one in this country can attempt to play it. Mrs. Hoey as *Aminah*, one of those interesting pagans who always persist in saving the lives of good-looking Christians, gave romantic prominence to a part not especially inviting to a lady of her talents, and was dressed with that faultless elegance for which this lady is remarkable. Miss Mary Gannon as *Blanche* was excellent, and Mr. Brougham great, as he always is.

The "Veteran" was received with much favor, and will doubtless enjoy a profitable run. It needs a small amount of curtailing: the performances did not terminate, last night, until 12 o'clock.

Musical.—Mr. Robert Goldbeck, one of the first artists of our City, has organized a system of public piano-forte instruction, to which he desires us to call attention. He establishes to-day, at Bassford's, a series of classes, under his special supervision and direction. Every pupil will receive the advantage of his direct instruction, and will have an opportunity also of playing in concert with other instruments. To the masses the principal recommendation will be that for a small sum they can secure the tuition in a desirable way of one of the most talented of pianists and composers now in America.

The Return of English Convicts.

THE OWNERS OF THE WASHINGTON PAY THE EXPENSE.

The two English convicts—giving their names as Henry Richards and William Smith—who were landed here a few days since from the ship *Washington*, have been compelled to take their journey across the water over again. It will be remembered that they called upon Mayor Tiemann shortly after their arrival, and represented to him that they had no money, and that, unless assistance or work was speedily furnished them, they would be obliged to do something desperate—the intimation having reference to professionally operating upon the iron shutters, and iron safes of mercantile warehouses and private residences. In short, the two men confessed that they were old London burglars; that they had followed this dangerous profession for years in the English metropolis; that they had been inmates of penal institutions in the Old World; and that they had been sent here to rid London of their unwelcome presence. They were sent here they said by the "Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society," whose head quarters are at No. 118 Pall Mall. The Mayor sent them to Mr. Casserly, at the office of the Commissioners of Emigration, with instructions to take immediate measures for their transportation to England. Mr. Casserly laid the matter before the officers of the *Washington*, informing them of the commands of the Mayor. The officers protested strongly against being obliged to take the men back at their own expense to Liverpool, claiming that they had received them on board their vessel in ignorance of their previous character. The protest was unavailing, and the two men were placed on the *Neptune* and started on their way home again. The owners of the *Washington* were made to pay the board bill of the convicts during their stay in the City and their passage by the *Neptune*.

Paraguay Expedition.—We have been requested to insert the following:

Parties sending letters to our care for their friends on this expedition, will insure their being forwarded by addressing them to care of our firm, instead of our senior, who is frequently absent.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE CITY INSPECTORSHIP.—The probabilities in relation to the length of time Mr. MORTON will manage to retain the office of City Inspector; whether the Board of Aldermen will act upon the Mayor's nomination of Dr. FOSTER during the present session; whether the Mayor will be forced to withdraw the Doctor, and send in another name; and whether, if the matter be not taken up by the Board, he will take the responsibility of turning Mr. MORTON out, and locking the doors, are seriously canvassed by the many who are personally interested in the matter, who gather daily in and around the City Hall and the Hall of Records. Mr. MORTON's friends—those employed by him—are confident that he is safe, and that consequently they are safe, for a long time to come, so far as the Board of Aldermen is concerned. They have no idea that Dr. FOSTER, even if inclined, would be able to outbid Mr. MORTON in the matter of the distribution of the patronage of the office among the members of the Board. The only thing they fear is that the Mayor, believing Mr. MORTON to be at the bottom of the Board's delay, may so interpret that portion of the new charter bearing upon Mr. MORTON's case, that he will feel warranted in putting him out and risking the opinion of the Courts upon the matter, should Mr. MORTON be disposed to carry the matter there. There was a very faint impression that the subject would be called up in the Board of Aldermen last evening, but, in accordance with a private understanding, it was not touched. The question, however, is to be kept open by a committee of the Board, that will probably require time to enable them to investigate the matter thoroughly, and make a report. It is stated that the Mayor has received letters from Drs. FRANCIS, PARKER, WATSON, WATTS, REYNOLD, VAN BUREN, SMITH and STONE, commending his nomination of Dr. FOSTER.

THE PEWTER MUG AND THE IVY GREEN.—There is a rich creamy froth sitting upon the lip brightened rim of the Pewter Mug, as heavily as if the ale were new; the Ivy Green is vigorously agitated; and all in consequence of the recent doings of the Society of Regulars. Even old Tammany has had one eye shut and a finger on his brow for several days. What it all means they can't well make out. Why did they push Alderman GENET out of the Chair? And why did they put Ex-Sheriff WILLETT in? And, again, what will GENET do, now that he can no longer take the head of the table while the happy family is at its mutton, in the Ark of the Regulars? Will he get an Ark of his own and go drifting about the political flood? Or will he consent, having quitted the quarter-deck, to go into the forecastle among the roughs? These are questions, the solution of which, of course, the community cares nothing at all about. But they are nevertheless of vital interest to the Pewter Mug and the Ivy Green. In connection with this subject, the "Mug" says it is noticable that while "these outsiders" complain bitterly of the "close corporation" character which they attribute to Tammany Hall, they have allowed all the Inspectors of Election for the City to be chosen by "one man;" which, they claim, is the same thing practically as allowing that one man to select the whole General Committee.

AN APPEAL FOR AID.—The ladies of the Home Industrial School, No. 645 Sixth-avenue, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, are compelled to make one more appeal to the benevolent, in behalf of the children under their care. This very inclement weather has come upon them with nothing to feed 150 mouths but bread and water. They have hitherto been bountifully supplied with a good warm dinner by the Home for the Friendless, by whom the school is entirely supported, and who have depended on provisions sent in from the country. This year the supply has almost entirely failed, and with an empty larder they are obliged to deny the school all but the "cup of cold water" and piece of bread which has satisfied them through the Summer. The children are of the most needy class in the City, and a warm dinner has been the only comfortable meal they have had for the day. Provisions, such as meat, rice, Indian meal, molasses, and vegetables, will be thankfully received at the school; and shoes, hosiery, or money, can be sent either to the office of the *Commercial Advertiser* or to No. 25 Brevoort-place, Tenth-street, between Broadway and University-place.

DEATH FROM YELLOW FEVER.—GEORGE SELEY, one of the sailors belonging to the schooner *Hiram G. Bishop*, which arrived yesterday from Matanzas, died on the vessel as she was coming up the Bay. Coroner O'KEEFE, being notified, held an inquest on the body. Drs. GALLAGHER and FINNELL made a *post-mortem* examination. They found that death was caused by yellow fever, and a verdict was thus rendered. Some yellow-fever cases were reported at Matanzas when the vessel left that port, and it was there that the disease was contracted. No other person arriving in the schooner has shown any symptoms of the disease, and it is probable that they will escape.

AN INTERESTING WORK.—The graduates of Columbia College have reason to shout Hail Columbia! for the care which their Alma Mater is taking of their reputation. It is stated that the Trustees of that venerable Institution are about publishing a history of all the graduates of the College from the year 1759 down to the present. The work is under the charge of the Association of the Alumni, and will be supervised by Mr. A. S. VAN DUZER of this City. It will contain the names of some of the most distinguished citizens of the State, among whom are ALEXANDER HAMILTON, DE WITT CLINTON, and WASHINGTON IRVING.

ALFRED WALDRON STILL ALIVE.—The youth ALFRED WALDRON, who was so severely injured on Wednesday last, while standing on the rear platform of a Third-avenue car, by the ladder of Hose Company No. 8, will, in all probability, recover. Only one of his ribs was broken, instead of four, as originally stated. He was a card-writer at Delmonico's restaurant, corner of Chambers-street and Broadway, and was almost the sole support of his mother and five younger children.

WORKINGMEN IN AMERICA.—A Convention or Congress of "Workingmen in America," commenced its session at the Steuben House, Bowery, yesterday, when there was but little business other than the preliminaries to an organization done. The Convention is composed of delegates from various socialistic organizations throughout the country.

THE UNION BANK CASE.—We understand that Mr. GARRETT S. MOTT, who was arrested in December at the suit of the Union Bank, and held to bail in $142,000, has procured the required bail and been liberated; that the suit stands for trial before a Jury; and that Mr. MOTT has sued the Bank for false imprisonment.

THE CITY GUARD BALL.—The City Guard give their annual ball at the Academy of Music this (Tuesday) evening. It promises to be a very successful affair, and the well-known character of this corps is a guarantee that every necessary arrangement will be made by the members for the comfort of their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE VANDENHOFF give three readings from SHAKESPEARE and DICKENS on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings of this week, at Hope Chapel, Broadway.

Police Reports.

LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.—Two men, giving their names as William Greason and Francis Irving, were very sanguine yesterday morning of obtaining $100; but instead of that they were taken before a Police Justice and lodged in a prison-cell. The basis of their sanguine expectations was the offer of a reward of $100 for the recovery of a carpet-bag, stolen a few days ago from the apartments of Mr. M. Miller, at No. 280 West Twentieth-street. The carpet-bag contained deeds and bonds of considerable value, $585 in Nebraska Bank bills, and a suit of clothes of medium worth. The two men named above called yesterday morning at the house of Sergeant Lefferts, of the Detective Police, and informed him that the bag and its contents could be found at No. 103 Perry-street. The Sergeant and Officer McCord went to the house some time afterwards, and there found the two men and the bag. The men demanded the promised reward of $100, and the Sergeant demanded an explanation as to how it came in their possession. This was a query unanticipated, but the men were equal to it. The bag they said was left on the front stoop of their dwelling, and they, as in duty bound, took care of it. The Sergeant did not credit their story, and so he arrested the two men on the spot. They were locked up in the Jefferson Market Jail to answer the charge.

A BLOOD-AND-WHISKY-THIRSTY PORTER.—William F. Fogerty is employed as a porter in the Northern Hotel, in Cortlandt-street. Fogerty having been on a spree two or three days, found himself, yesterday forenoon, with his cash exhausted, stepping into the drinking-saloon, No. 102 West-street. He called for a hot drink, and stated frankly in advance that he had no money. The bar-keeper, John Spencer, refused to concoct the hot beverage on such terms. Fogerty became greatly enraged, drew a pistol and endeavored to shoot the bar-keeper, when the weapon was taken from him. Fogerty then drew a knife, rushed at Spencer, but the knife was also taken from him before he was able to inflict any injury upon his intended victim. The blood-and-whisky-thirsty porter was arrested, taken before Justice CONNOLLY and locked up to answer a charge of an attempt to kill.

A SANGUINARY BAKER.—James Keirns is a German baker, and works at the corner of Twenty-first-street and Sixth-avenue. On Saturday Keirns entered No. 124 Fourth-avenue, drew a revolver, leveled the murderous weapon at the head of a Mrs. Scholefield, exclaiming, "I'll give you nigger," and fired. A woman, who was present, threw up his arm and saved the life of Mrs. Scholefield—the ball lodging in the wall instead of her head, as intended. It appears that some time ago, and while in a fit of indignation, Mrs. S. had intimated that Mr. Keirns was an individual of Ethiopian extraction. The remark gave offence to Mr. K., and he sought to resent it in the manner described. The sanguinary baker was taken before Justice KELLY, and held to bail in $1,000 on a charge of felonious assault.

THE REWARD OF INTERFERENCE.—A few days since John Mahoney was assigned temporary quarters at No. 88 White-street, a house set apart for detained witnesses, to insure his attendance as a witness in a certain case when required. Mahoney managed to escape, and yesterday the doorman spotted him in Chatham-street. The doorman rearrested Mahoney, and while doing so, William Gantz, a German, interfered, rescued him and allowed him to escape. The indignant doorman pounced upon Gantz and succeeded in taking him to the Tombs, before Justice CONNOLLY. Gantz was ordered to a cell, and an opportunity afforded him to reflect upon the consequences of his ill-timed interference with the officer.

RATHER AN EXPENSIVE BARGAIN.—Eda Rather, a German woman, residing at No. 44 Forsyth-street, a few days since, saw a splendid opportunity, as she conceived it to be, to make a splendid bargain by purchasing some goods from two boys. She disbursed $5, and received goods worth ten times the amount, and *a la* Mrs. Toodles, felt very jubilant over the bargain. Her self-congratulations subsided very sensibly yesterday upon her arrest upon a charge of buying stolen goods. The goods it appears had been stolen from the store of Mr. MUNROE, No. 441 Broadway, and the boys after being arrested 'peached upon her.

A CATTLE BROKER ARRESTED.—Anthony Goff, a cattle broker, was arrested on Saturday on a charge of constructive grand larceny. It is alleged that he sold thirty-seven head of cattle belonging to Timothy Eastman, a drover from the West, and appropriated the proceeds of the sale, $1,778, to his own use. Mr. Goff was consigned to the Tombs.

American Antiquities.

LECTURE BY DR. DE HAAS.

The first of a series of three lectures upon the Antiquities of America was delivered on Saturday evening at the Hall of the Historical Society, by Dr. DE HAAS. The Hon. GEORGE FOLSOM occupied the chair, and introduced the speaker, alluding to his long devotion to Archæological research, and to his familiarity with the subject. Some half dozen diagrams were suspended on the walls, illustrating the formation and peculiarities of the ancient mounds or tumuli of the West and South, which formed the main feature of the discourse. Dr. HAAS came forward amid great applause. In the great valleys of the South and West, he said, far removed from the abodes of civilization, and the pathways of ordinary travel—buried in the depth of an unbroken wilderness, lay sleeping in solitary grandeur, hidden beneath the growth of centuries, vast and mysterious monumental remains of a people who had faded from the face of the earth without leaving more than a vestige of their history behind! These ruins were alike objects of wonder to the adventurous Spaniard and intrepid pioneer—the one, as he threaded his way through vast solitudes of tropical forest—the other, through the illimitable wilderness of the great West. There they had stood in solitary, desolated ruin; and there they still stood, hoary chronicles of ages long past, bewildering the imagination as it wandered in quest of their history and builders. Who were they that erected them? Whence came, and whither went that race? When were these monuments built? how constructed? for what purpose designed? These were questions that had long been asked, but as yet had not been satisfactorily answered. The red man, who for centuries had roamed over these great plains and valleys, could say nothing concerning the origin and history of the mysterious remains which loomed up amid the solitude of the wilderness. In profound and melancholy admiration, the simple-minded savage stood before these venerable monuments, and gazed and wondered, and turned away! A favorite hypothesis with some was that the mound builders of America flourished contemporaneously with the Ancient Egyptians. Admitting this, how very different has been their respective destinies. A better destiny had been that of the more advanced nations of the South—the builders and dwellers in the great stone cities of intertropical America, which bewildered us by their size, and mystified us with their wonderful history.

On the discovery of America by the Europeans, the most astonishing evidences of former semi-civilization were found throughout the pathway of conquest. Through the shadowy mist of the story of Anahuac could be traced the tradition of a long line of victorious kings. Huge monumental piles, of great antiquity, rose up on every hand. The ruined city; the pyramid and temple; the broken column; the tryliph and metope; the ancient military way; the *via sacra*, and consecrated *tioccuti*; the accurately drawn line and tumuli of faultless symmetry and giant proportions; the most beautiful and elaborate sculpture in stone—household gods—the Lares and Penates—wrought from the finest and firmest materials; the most exquisitely worked ornaments of porphyry, turquois and other valuable stones; terra cotta of fine texture and high finish; knives of ossivlan, or *uzli*; axes of granite and copper—these, with many other objects of great interest, pointed to a people who had been swallowed up in the all-absorbing past. The impulse given to the study of Archæology by the researches of RAWLINSON, LAYARD and others abroad, and by the investigations of many of our own countrymen, had had the effect of directing inquiry to the subject of our local antiquities. Hundreds, if not thousands, of these interesting memorials had already been utterly destroyed, and they must all, sooner or later, perish under the march of improvement. The lecturer glanced at the spirit of archæological research abroad—in Egypt, Nubia, Assyria, Chaldea, Nineveh and Babylon were more familiar to us, through the zeal of LAYARD and RAWLINSON, than many of the living cities of Central Asia. The researches of Sir HENRY RAWLINSON had placed his name high on the list of the world's benefactors. His discoveries had fully confirmed the divine record, and he had been enabled to trace, by means of monumental inscriptions, oriental history from the time of Abraham's departure from Ur of the Chaldees down to that of ALEXANDER the Great, a period of two thousand years. An important fact stated by this distinguished Archæologist, at a meeting in London, was that whenever the history came in contact with that of the Jewish people, there was an absolute coincidence between these records and the details of scripture. The striking features revealed by the examination of mounds and temples had been an unprecedented quantity of terra cotta coffins. The antiquities of America, sketched from the regions of the great lakes of the north and west to Central America, and Peru on the south, and from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west. In the whole of the vast territory lying between the Alleghany and Rocky Mountains, and stretching from the unexplored regions of the far North to the rippling surface of the Southern Gulf, these silent and mysterious remains abounded. Spread over the immense intertropical regions, extending down into the ancient home of the Incas, we found the most wonderful vestiges of extinct civilization. The vast inter-mountain country watered by the Rio Gila, the Rio Colorado, and other large streams, abounded with these monuments, remarkable for their character, extent, and the mystery which surrounded them. At a distance of twelve hundred miles northwestward from the seat of the Aztec Empire, were found extensive remains of ancient cities. The number of mounds in the United States might safely be estimated at one hundred thousand. These were conical, pyramidal, or spaerform; truncated pyramics, or terraced elevations in the vicinity of mural remains; squares and parallelograms. They were almost invariably of earth. The animal-shaped mounds peculiar to Wisconsin were tolemic, or emblematical, and not to be regarded as true antiquities. These tumuli abounded in the greatest number, and were of the largest size, in the central division of the Mississippi Valley. In the North they were generally small; in the South in some instances of great size, but less numerous. They were found in almost countless numbers along the principal tributaries of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, occupying the finest and largest bottoms, indicating that their builders were an agricultural people. They bore a strong resemblance to the mounds of tropical America, of Siberia, Tartary, and the whole of Northern Europe and Asia.

Dr. HAAS exhibited several specimens—stone arrow heads, axes, and charcoal mingled with what was supposed to be the calcined bones of human beings—which were found at the bottom of these vast mounds. A small tablet, taken from the Grave River mound, in Marshal County, Virginia, and curiously inscribed, was an object of much attraction.

American Social Life.

LECTURE BY DR. J. G. HOLLAND.

Dr. J. G. HOLLAND, *alias* Timothy Titcomb, the well-known editor of the Springfield *Republican*, and the author of several popular works—among them *Bitter-Sweet* and *Letters to Young People*—lectured last evening before the Historical Society, on "American Social Life."

He said that on the maps we often find the words "unexplored regions" inscribed across certain tracts of country. So there are certain ideas of which we know in reality little. No one doubts that there is a character which distinguishes our social life, though as Americans we are not eminently a social people. The lecturer then analyzed the term Social Life, and showed what conditions are needed for its appropriate development. It must have the national aggregate of motion, experience and thought. Preëminently do we as Americans have this food on which to support our Social Life, for we drink from a well 6,000 fathoms deep, standing, as we do, at the end of the world's history. We have Irvings and Coopers, Bryants and Longfellows, Barneses and Beechers, all coining thoughts for the public use, and scattering them through the country. Party spirit and sectarianism are obstacles to a free interchange of our opinions. The weather changes ceaselessly, and this we can talk about forever without offending any one, but the food of social life we voluntarily starve ourselves of. Secondly, we need a social atmosphere. Go to a dinner party. You find every one constrained, and evidently feeling awkward. The crack of the wine-bottle is heard, and when the Heidsick has completed the grand tour, every tongue is loosed. A social atmosphere has been created by artificial means. The northern and northeastern portions of our country have lost much of their sociability, and, I regret to say, said Dr. H., that I think it is because liquors have been banished from the sideboard and the tavern. But I do not speak of these changes to advocate rum drinking—by no means. I only refer to them to draw a lesson from them. Americans are overworkers; they use up their vital energies before the time, and their worn-out machines must be stimulated—so champagne is levied on. Here many men—and noble men, too—are made drinkers, and here a reformation which will be more effective than prohibitory laws must begin. To illustrate this point, Dr. H. referred to Mr. BEECHER as a specimen of a healthful man. He creates for his congregation a social atmosphere. Take him away, and put in his place a man badly under the weather with the dyspepsia, and the Christians of Plymouth Church would be no better workers than those in any other congregation. But men are not all Beechers, and they will have recourse to artificial means to keep up their social life. It is a question which the Christian public insist on having answered—what can be substituted for these artificial methods? Christianity must not stand aloof and give its adversary the control of amusements. It must take these means of creating social life into its own hands. A great mistake has been made when a high social life has been killed or rendered impossible by the type of Christianity which prevails. It may be hard to tell just what should be done to remedy this. France cannot be our example. We wonder, however, how it is that that country keeps up such an intense activity in all its departments. Its social life does more than we think for. Italy in this respect resembles it somewhat. Nor will the social life of Germany suit us exactly, for it needs to be steeped in the bottomless tankard and then cured in tobacco-smoke. As we draw near England, we come into a shadow. It cannot be denied that the masses of Catholic France and Infidel Germany are happier than the Protestant people of England and Scotland. The religion of the former countries recognizes the necessity of keeping alive the social happiness of the people. That of the latter countries keeps aloof from it. America resembles England more than she does France, and it is only her homes that keep her from being worse than the latter country. Now shall our social life be controlled by Christ or Belial? The latter has long had the control of the best music, the best dinners, and the fastest horses. Now, said Dr. H., I have a theory which I naturally consider a very national one, and that is, that the best men should have the best means, and when I see the contrary the case, I think there is an eternal unfitness in it. The good men of the world have not elbow-room enough, and, as I think, by their own fault. They have suffered themselves to be driven into a corner. John the Baptist came eating and drinking and his actions were wildly misconstrued. Christ came doing just the contrary, and his course of conduct was said to be based on opposite motives. The same principle holds good at this day, and it is only a question for us to consider whether we will be classed among publicans and sinners or with the children of the Devil.

In conclusion, Dr. H. urged that it was the duty of every good element to urge by every possible means the development of a healthful social life.

The Hon. LUTHER BRADISH, who introduced Dr. HOLLAND, announced that the next lecture of the course would be delivered by the Hon. PAUL BROWN, on Stratford-on-Avon.

Celebration of Franklin's Birthday.

BALL AND SUPPER OF THE NEW-YORK TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

The New-York Typographical Society commemorated the birthday of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, of which yesterday was the 153d anniversary, by a ball and supper last night at Niblo's. The reunion was one of the pleasantest ever enjoyed by the craft. There was, of course, a list of toasts, and some speeches. These, however, were entirely subsidiary.

The ball-room was occupied by about 150 couples. Of the fairer portion of these no commendation could be deemed excessive. The beauty displayed was exquisite both in form and type—Nonpareil if you will—against which the most indifferent heart could not stand proof, and which the most fastidious would not wish revised.

At about 10½ o'clock the company adjourned to the supper room. There Mayor TIEMANN presided. On rising to propose the first regular toast, he was warmly applauded. He felt peculiarly honored, he said, in being called upon to preside on this occasion. He did not anticipate so great an honor. He had intended, however, to make a speech, but as he was a poor hand at making a speech, and as he knew the young ladies were anxious to return to the ball-room, he felt compelled to cut short whatever, under other circumstances, he might have felt inclined to say. They had met here to-night for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of one of the greatest men that America ever knew—a man of whom he supposed every youth in the country knew more or less. Whether as a poor lad, traveling from Boston to Philadelphia, with a loaf of bread under his arm and another in his hand; as a statesman, than whom we had seen no superior; as a philosopher, bringing down the lightning from the clouds, and discovering the means of protecting our houses from it; as a philanthropist, of the most practical character; and as a true and sincere Christian, he was equally deserving of our veneration and respect. He (the Mayor) did not know where we could find a more Christian sentiment than that conveyed in FRANKLIN's epitaph, written by himself when a young man. When a boy he (the Mayor) took a great deal of pleasure in reading BENJAMIN FRANKLIN's writings—all of them instructive and many of them amusing. Indeed, both his works and his life were full of information as well as productive of pleasure. With these few remarks he would propose the first regular toast:

1. *The Memory of Franklin.*
2. *The President of the United States.*
3. *The City of New-York.*—The Heart of America, soon to become the Metropolis of the World. Eminent in commerce, wealth and enterprise, and yet more distinguished by the character and influence of her Press.

Mr. T. B. THORPE replied, recounting many pleasant reminiscences of the early history of this City.

When he had resumed his seat, "Little Ella," a veritable infant phenomenon, recited with extraordinary expression, for one of her age, a portion of Collins' "Ode to the Passions." She was vehemently cheered.

4. *The Professions and the Press*—The sources of knowledge, and the conservator thereof.

Mr. R. A. WEST replied.

5. *The Telegraph, the Pen, and the Press*—The Messenger, the Recorder, and the Disseminator of Intelligence. May truth, virtue, and freedom guide, protect, and follow them!

Mr. W. H. FRY responded. He found fault with the arrangement of the topics of the toast, as the telegraph, which was first in order, was last in point of discovery. He told some pleasant things concerning the origin and history of the Pen and the Press, and in speaking of the Telegraph, said he thought it would have a beneficial effect in correcting our tendency to verboseness. A friend of his went the other day to St. Louis, and, wishing to be especially endearing, sent a dispatch to his wife, asking "What have you for breakfast, and how is the baby?" She telegraphed back, "Buckwheat cakes and the measles." [Great laughter.]

6. *Newspapers*—"Thick as Autumnal leaves," and sometimes as dry. May the poor grow good, and the good grow better!

Mr. BROWN, of the *Journal of Commerce*, replied in a brief and sensible speech, which was warmly applied.

7. *Authors and Publishers*—The positive and negative poles of our mental machinery. May they always cooperate, by harmonious union, to keep up a healthy circulation!

HORACE GREELEY responded.

The remaining toasts, to which no responses were made, were as follows:

8. *The Press as a Ruler.*—The power behind the throne, greater than the throne itself.
9. *Steam.*—The right arm of civilization, without which the shadow on the dial of Ahaz would go back a century.
10. *The Reporter.*—"The abstract and brief chronicle of the time." The mystic characters of his pencil, like the hieroglyphics of the Nile, faithfully transmit to all after time the current history of the world.
11. *Franklin*—The Philosopher and Printer. He gave new lustre to Literature, new laurels to Science, new glories to Freedom, and new dignity to the Useful Arts.
12. *Woman.*—The Paragon and Nonpareil type of humanity.

A Long Tramp for a Pension.

Late on Saturday afternoon an old gentleman, carrying a bundle and an umbrella, decently habited, but with the appearance of great fatigue, accosted two strangers in William-street, and, with an air of much diffidence, stated that he had been traveling a long way and was hungry. A glance at the wayfarer showed that he was not of the class of professional beggars. There was an air of frankness and sincerity in his manner which won the regard of the persons addressed. "Wait a moment," said one of them, "and I will give you something to eat." Meantime, the other person kindly placed a few dimes in the old man's hand. The peculiar way he raised his hat and drew back his right foot, for this gratuity, showed that he had done the same thing before, "sailor fashion," in the presence of his superior officer. On the way to the nearest eating-house, he was questioned as to where he was from, and where bound. In reply, he stated that he had traveled on foot from Washington City, and had been nine days on the road. He had been there by invitation of some member of Congress, who told him that if he would visit that city the Government would increase his pension. He was now receiving a small annuity for his services in the Navy during the war of 1812, and exhibited his parchment, which he carefully drew out of a small tin box, and unrolled from a labyrinth of cotton cloth. Having failed to accomplish his errand in Washington, notwithstanding he appears to have presented his claim to nearly all the Government officials, including the President, and finding his funds running short, he started for home, taking the turnpike road instead of the cars. He actually walked every rod of the distance to New-York. Having but a little money left, he seems never to have thought of placing himself among the list of deadheads, and asking for a free pass, but kept his small change to buy food and lodging with on the road. At Baltimore they offered to take a contribution for him, and send him along in the cars—if he would wait only an hour or two; but this he regarded as a loss of time. He had been two weeks and over away from his home in Bridgeport, and he knew his mother was very anxious on his account,—so he pushed on, passing through Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey. In the latter State his money gave out, and when he reached this City he said he had not "broken his fast for three days," and he was very weak. "He was ashamed to beg," and did not reveal his wants. After partaking of a hearty meal he was accompanied to the Bridgeport boat, the Captain, on learning the facts, offering him a free passage. The boat, however, did not leave until Monday, and although his accidental friend offered to make him welcome at his own house, and see him safe on board the boat, by which he would reach his home on Monday, at noon, he positively declined to stop. Shaking his head mysteriously, and with a look of earnest resolution, he said "No, I must see my mother, I know she is consarned about me; and I have had a kind o' feelin' that she won't stay long—a mother's a mother,—I will travel all night, and be home by to-morrow afternoon."

Finding it impossible to dissuade him from his singular purpose, he was asked to give a few facts in his history, which were taken down, and he then requested to be shown the road to Harlem. He started for Bridgeport about 6 o'clock Saturday evening. The name of this resolute old sailor is JOSEPH MARKS, and his mother, MARY MARKS, lives at No. 91 Wall-street, Bridgeport. He is 67 years of age, having been born in 1792. He drinks nothing stronger than cold water. He was with Commodore LAWRENCE on board the *Hornet* in her memorable battle with the *Peacock*, off Demarara, in which the latter vessel was sunk, and 138 prisoners were taken and carried to New-London. He gave the names of the other officers as SHUBRICK, BYWATER and SWARTS. Commodore SHAW was in command of the yard at New-London at the time. He afterwards joined the frigate *Chesapeake*, Commodore LAWRENCE, Mr. LUDLOW and Mr. SNOOT being First Lieutenants. The latter was killed in the engagement with the *Shannon*, when the first broadside was discharged. The colors were "nailed to the mast, so that they couldn't be hauled down." They boarded the *Shannon*, "sword in hand," and all the officers but three fell in the conflict. Cox, WILSON, and BROWN were the names of the officers who survived. The *Shannon* having taken the *Chesapeake*, all the American officers were carried to Halifax, where they remained until peace was declared, in 1815. He then shipped in the *Constitution* with Commodore DECATUR, and fought the Algerines. It is to be hoped that the old gentleman reached his home safely and that he found his mother well.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

BROOKLYN COMMON COUNCIL.—A NEW GAS CONTRACT—SINKING FUND REPORT—IMPORTANT MEETING.—A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening, President KALBFLEISCH in the Chair. The first business under consideration was the gas contract. After considerable discussion, the majority report of the Gas Committee was adopted. This gives the contract to the Brooklyn Gas Light Company for the term of five years. They are to furnish gas equal in quality to that supplied by the Manhattan Company, in New-York, for $2 per thousand cubic feet to the city, and to private consumers at a price not to exceed $3 per thousand feet. Metres are charged for only when the quantity consumed is less than $15 per annum. The Board canvassed the vote cast at the late election in the Fourteenth Ward for Alderman, when it was declared that JOSEPH SMITH had received the greatest number of votes, and he accordingly took his seat. Alderman DOUGLASS offered the following resolution, which was adopted, only four voting against it: That the Senators and Representatives of Kings County in the State Legislature be respectfully requested to use all means within their power to oppose the passage of any act that will tend to increase the cost of the Water Works. The Semi-annual Report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was presented. The Commissioners say that since their last report, the loan of 1838—amounting to $200,000; also an installment on loan of 1846, amounting to $10,000—came due and was promptly paid. The annual accumulations to this fund for the next twenty years—provided no other loans than those already authorized should be made—will average $80,000. With this annual income in view, all idea of a failure to meet future liabilities is entirely dissipated, and the only question to be seriously considered by the Commissioners is, how are the yearly accessions to this fund to be invested in order to realize the greatest amount of profit? The balance sheet shows cash on hand, June 30, 1858, $92 960 09; received from that time to Dec. 31, 1858, $234 494 59. Total, $327,454 68. Paid up to Dec. 31, 1858, $289,082 91; viz., city bonds $188 042, Kings County bonds 30,000. Interest on do., $1,200; bonds and mortgages, $32,925. Interest on do., $1,221 50; premium, $5,619 17; cash, $37,471 77. Total, $327,454 68. The communication was referred to the Finance Committee. The Chief Engineer of the Western District Fire Department submitted his annual report, from which it appears that there were 122 fire alarms, 21 of which were false alarms. In addition to these were 69 still fires, where no alarm was given. The alarms in the different Districts as follows: First District, 14; Second District, 15; Third District, 27; Fourth District, 32; Fifth District, 10; Sixth District, 6, Seventh District, 18. The greatest number of fires in any one month was 15, in February. The total loss on stock and buildings, as near as could be ascertained, was, on stock $90,298, on buildings $79 916; total, $170,214; insurance, $279,910. The Department at present consists of one Chief and seven Assistant Engineers, and 1,016 men, divided into 19 Engine Companies, 3 Hook and Ladder Companies, and 7 Hose Companies, all doing duty. The Chief recommends that a large bell be put up in South Brooklyn, in place of the one on the Third District Station-house, and also that the bell on that Station-house be placed near the City Armory, and that the bell on Engine House No. 12 be placed in the yard of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3, in Bedford-avenue. The total expense for the year was $19,853. Referred to Fire Committee. The Board, after transacting considerable routine business, adjourned.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.—The Rev. Mr. BRACE delivered an address in behalf of the objects of this excellent Institution, last Sunday evening, in the Second Unitarian Church, Brooklyn, by the invitation of the minister, (the Rev. Mr. LONGFELLOW.) The house was filled by an attentive congregation, and a liberal contribution was made to the funds of the Society. The simple narratives of the experience of some of the poor children whom the Society have benefited were thrilling indeed. Such an institution as the Children's Aid Society should receive the sympathy and encouragement of the whole community, on the ground that "prevention is better than cure," if from no higher motive—for it is certainly better to prevent children becoming criminals than to cure them after they have become such.

VESPERS IN A PROTESTANT CHURCH.—The Second Unitarian Church of Brooklyn (the Rev. Mr. LONGFELLOW, minister,) have recently adopted a beautiful, devotional service, which they call "vespers." It is held upon alternate Sabbath evenings, and thus far has been attended by crowded congregations, with increasing interest. The service has been carefully arranged by the minister, and the book for the use of the congregation is now in the hands of the printer, to be issued early next month. The service consists of hymns, chants, audible and "silent" prayers, lessons of scripture and anthems, but without a sermon, and it is represented as remarkably impressive and devout, combining portions of the Congregational, Episcopal, and Quaker modes of worship.

THE EXCISE LAW.—The residents of Glen Cove have commenced to enforce the Excise Law in good earnest. A liquor-dealer in that town last week was fined $50 and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment in the county jail for selling liquor without a license.

FIRES.—During the year 1858 there were sixty alarms of fire in the Eastern District, twelve of which were false. Of the false alarms the police originated five, the telegraph three, firemen two, and the bell-ringers two.

BROOKLYN COURTS.—The Grand Jury came into the Court of Sessions and made return of several indictments against parties in prison. The following persons were arraigned and pleaded "not guilty:" MICHAEL KENNEDAY, burglary, third degree; CHARLES LEONARD, burglary, first degree; PHILIP CRAIGAN, burglary, third degree; RICHARD DOOLY, nine years old, and ROBERT JOHNSON, fourteen years old, for burglary; ANN WELSH and BRIDGET LYNCH, grand larceny. The Grand Jury retired to their labors again, and the Court adjourned until this morning. In the City Court, the Petit Jurors were sworn in, and the trial of civil causes was commenced. Only two jurors asked to be excused. Judge INGRAHAM and Judge LOTT, of the Supreme Court, were both engaged in Chamber business yesterday.

CITY COURT CALENDAR FOR THIS DAY.—Nos. 28, 29, 30 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 7, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60.

CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR.—Nos. 109, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 164, 165, 166.

Naval Intelligence.

The steam-frigate *Brooklyn* went into Commission yesterday. The officers have all reported, and the crew is ready to be sent on board from the *North Carolina*. The sloop *St. Louis* is ordered to Aspinwall to await orders from the Flag-officer of the Squadron. The following is a list of her officers:

Commander—WILLIAM S. OGDEN. *Lieutenants*—Joshua D. Todd, William Nelson, M. P. Jones, George E. Belknap. *Surgeon*—T. C. Barclay. *Purser*—Granville T. Pierce. *Assistant Surgeon*—J. P. Bennetts. *Second Lieutenant of Marines*—Charles Heywood. *Captain's Clerk*—Sandford C. Kellogg. *Purser's Clerk*—John I. Philbrick. *Master's Mates*—George W. Hebert, Edward P. Howell, Charles Labiache, Joseph M. Chadwick. *Boatswain*—Peter A. Chason. *Gunner*—Thomas M. Crocker. *Carpenter*—T. McDonnell.

From Bermuda.

By the arrival of the brig *T. M. Mayhew*, from Bermuda, we have files of the *Royal Gazette* to Jan. 4. They contain no news of interest. The President's Message had reached the Island, and excited the same surprise as elsewhere.

The *Gazette* in reviewing the history of the year thus refers to the chronicle of Bermuda:

"A serious falling off occurred in the exportation of vegetables during the year. The sweet potato crop, owing to frequent and heavy rains, in a great measure was a failure. A severe gale on the 26th of October visited in its strength our little island, and swept over nearly the whole Atlantic Ocean, causing much destruction to life and property on land and sea. An unusual visitor, an earthquake, called on us during the year, doing no damage however except the frightening of a few nervous ones. Ship-building is in a flourishing condition; the keels of several handsomely-modeled, and sizeable vessels have been laid down, and their hulls are nearly completed. In Parliament, which commenced in May, several wholesome and important laws were enacted and some amended; amongst the latter we may mention the Election, the Educational, and the Imprisonment for Debt bills. Among the novelties during the year was the American frigate *Sabine*, of the first-class, and said to be the largest ship-of-war of the United States—the first American war vessel in our waters for very many years.

The Thorndike Will in Boston—Important Points to be Decided.

The Boston *Traveller* says: "The important question of jurisdiction has been raised by the counsel opposed to the will of the late AUGUSTUS THORNDIKE. The point that he was not a citizen of Boston in 1837 has been judicially settled, as will be found by reference to the first volume of Metcalf's Reports, pp. 242 to 250. Mr. THORNDIKE sued the city of Boston to recover back his taxes paid in 1837, on the ground that he had removed his family from this city in 1836, that he resided in Edinburg, and declared at the time of his departure that he intended to tarry abroad, and that if he should return to the United States, *he should not live in Boston*, but settle in New-York or Baltimore. The case was tried in the Supreme Court, before Judge WILDE, and the Jury returned a verdict for Mr. THORNDIKE. The Hon. JOHN PICKERING, City Solicitor, questioned the correctness of the instructions to the Jury, but relied principally on an objection to the admission of Mr. THORNDIKE's letters in evidence, wherein his intentions to quit Boston forever was repeatedly stated in the most emphatic terms. Upon the appeal at the Law Term in March, 1840, Chief-Justice SHAW gave the opinion of the Court, sustaining the proceedings in the case, thus confirming the verdict of the Jury, that Mr. THORNDIKE had ceased to be an inhabitant of Boston.

It is well known that since this decision, Mr. THORNDIKE has lived in Scotland, Newport, R. I., and Paris. He was on a visit to Boston at the time of his death. His family were in France.

In case the objection raised against probate of the will in this county is sustained by Judge AMES, the case will probably be taken to Rhode Island, as the deceased has resided there seven years since he left Boston. Lieut. MARIN would doubtless be gratified at this course, as his fellow-citizens would be upon the jury called to decide the matter at issue.

The Code Napoleon, in operation in France, where the deceased last had his domicile, does not permit legacies to public charities and institutions, to the detriment of the natural heirs, except in a limited amount. This case therefore has quite a novel aspect at the present time."

PERSONAL.

Professor Max Müller, Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, has been elected a Corresponding Member of the Institute of France.

Miss Thompson, of Glasgow, has made a successful *début* at the French Opera, Paris, in the *rôle* of *Mathilde* in "William Tell."

M. Houry has been charged by the Shah of Persia, to translate the works of the Emperor Napoleon III. into Persian.

The Prince Regent of Prussia has declined to accede to the request of the Israelites of Prussia to interpose at the Holy See in the Mortara affair.

We learn

REAL ESTATE.

CENTRAL PARK LOTS FOR SALE.

On 8th-av. and 49th-st.
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On 8th-av. and 62d and 63d sts.
On 8th-av. and 77th-st.
On 8th-av. and 45th and 46th sts.
On 8th-av. and 96th-st.
On 8th-av. and 65th-st.
On 8th-av. and 106th and 106th sts.

ALSO,

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FARM FOR SALE.—THE SUBSCRIBER WILL sell the farm now occupied by him in the township of Pinckaway; said farm contains about twenty acres, with good house, barn and out-building; good well of water at the door; also, good peach orchard, apples, pears and cherries, and about twenty grape vines, rose bushes and flowers. The land is in a high state of cultivation, well suited for gardening purposes, or for some person doing business in New-York; it is two miles from New-Brunswick, and one from Baptist dépôt, on the New-Jersey Railroad. It will be sold cheap, and possession given immediately. For further information, inquire of JOHN H. ROBINSON, corner of Barrow and Bedford sts., New-York; or PETER CONOVER, New-Brunswick; or PETER P. ROBINSON, on the premises.

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Prof. O. W. MITCHEL will give the second Lecture—the first of his regular course—(of five) at the Academy of Music, on
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Subject—*The Laws, Structure and Stability of the Planetary System.*
Tickets for the Course, $1; single tickets, 50 cents. For sale at the bookstores and door. N. B.—No reserved seats. Doors open at 6½. To commence at 7½ o'clock.

THE HON. JOSIAH QUINCEY, JR.,
Will deliver the second of a series of lectures before the Gillette Young Men's Association, in the Calvary Baptist Church, West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th avs., on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 19, to commence at 8 o'clock. Subject—*Lafayette.*
Tickets, 25 cents each, to be obtained at Messrs. Hall & Son's, No. 239 Broadway; Messrs. Roe Lockwood & Son, No. 411 Broadway; Mr. T. J. Crowen, No. 699 Broadway; Mr. A. D. F. Randolph, No. 683 Broadway; and at the door. THOS. H. REDWAY, Chairman Lec. Com.

MRS. FRANCES ANNE KEMBLE'S READINGS FROM SHAKESPEARE—At Dodworth Saloon, No. 806 Broadway. Those for the ensuing week will be as follows:
MONDAY MORNING, Jan. 17, at 1 o'clock—*Coriolanus.*
TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 18, at 8 o'clock—*Julius Cæsar.*
THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 20, at 8 o'clock—*King Lear.*
FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 21, at 8 o'clock—*Merry Wives of Windsor.*
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This course of Readings will be positively the last which Mrs. KEMBLE will give in New-York previous to her retirement from public life.

REV. CHARLES E. HARRIS WILL DEliver a Lecture at the Cooper Institute, on TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 18th, at 7½ o'clock, for the benefit of the John-st. Church. Subject—*Work and Worth; Elements of National Perpetuity.* Tickets 25c. each, can be had of John J. Ennis, No. 24 Nassau-st, corner Cedar-st.; Edward Goodenough, No. 122 Nassau-st.; Richard Keeping, No. 852 Broadway; Roe Lockwood & Son, No. 411 Broadway; Raynor, Howe & Ferry, No. 76 Bowery; Beattys & Hubbell, No. 242 Bowery; J. A. Currier, No. 205 Greenwich-st.; E. P. Thompson, corner Canal and Hudson-sts.; Charles Parker, No. 20 Dey-st.; D. Wyatt, No. 44 John-st.; Bentley's, Madison-sq. Post-Office, and at the door on the evening of the Lecture.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE VANDENHOFF will give THREE READINGS on the evenings of TUESDAY, 18th, THURSDAY, 20th, and SATURDAY, 22d inst., at HOPE CHAPEL, Broadway, from (Tuesday) "Merchant of Venice;" (Thursday) "Macbeth;" (Saturday) "Hamlet." Mr. V. will add, on each evening, a reading from Dickens. Tuesday evening, the celebrated trial of Bardell *vs.* Pickwick. Tickets to the three Readings, $1. Single Reading, 50 cents; at Messrs. Hall & Sons, Broadway; Mr. Crowen's Bookstore; at the New-York and Clarendon Hotels, and at the Door. Reading to commence at 8 o'clock.

A LECTURE ON ROBERT BURNS, THE Scottish Poet, will be delivered before the Burns' Club of the City of New-York by HENRY WARD BEECHER, at the Cooper Institute, on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 24, 1859. Doors open at 7; lecture to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.
Tickets 50 cents each; two tickets admitting a gentleman and two ladies.
Tickets to be had of the members of the Club, and at the principal hotels and music-stores in New-York, Brooklyn and Jersey City. RICHARD COCHRANE, Secretary.

THE REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, D. D., WILL repeat his popular Lecture on *Daily Wonders*, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 19, at the Eleventh Presbyterian Church, corner 4th-st. and Avenue C. Proceeds to aid the Mission Sabbath School connected with the Church. Tickets 25 cents, to be had of G. Meeker, No. 397 4th-av.; J. G. Lugar, No. 94 Houston-st., and at the door.

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BROOKLYN, Jan. 12, 1859.

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BROOKLYN, Jan. 10, 1859.
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The election will take place on TUESDAY, Jan. 18, at No. 163 Atlantic-st., near Clinton. The Polls will be open from 8 to 10 A. M., and from 4 to 9 P. M. Every member of the Association, who is not in arrears for dues or fines, is entitled to vote.

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The entire stock of first class furs, at No. 34 John-st., belonging to the late
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Will be sold at public auction,
On WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19, at 10½ o'clock.
The stock consists of sables, ermine, marten, mink, sleigh-robes, gentlemen's fur caps, gentlemen's fur gloves and collars.
Those who wish a good article, warranted, would do well to attend the sale on Wednesday next, Jan. 19, at 10½ o'clock.

RICHARDS KINGSLAND, Auctioneer.
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THIS DAY, TUESDAY,
At 10 o'clock, at the Auction Room,
300 lots hardware, cutlery, &c., in lots to suit the city and country trade.

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LARGE SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON 4TH-AV., 34TH, 35TH, 37TH, CANAL, WATTS, LAURENS AND VESTRY STS. AT AUCTION, TO CLOSE AN ESTATE.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19, 1859, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:
FOURTH-AVENUE AND THIRTY-FOURTH STREETS—7 lots northwest corner.
FOURTH-AVENUE—2 lots east side, between 37th and 38th sts.
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Possession can be had of the improved property on the first of May. Book, Maps, and full particulars can be had at the Auctioneer's office, No. 14 Pine-st., New-York

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 23 Nassau-st.
SUPERB SALE OF HIGH-CLASS PICTURES, ENGRAVINGS, AND ELEGANT EBONY CABINETS, SEVRES STANDS, PARIAN GOODS, &C.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Jan. 20, at 11 o'clock, at the store No. 691 Broadway, near 4th-st., superb sale of high-class pictures, engravings, and elegant ebony cabinets, sevres beard-stands and other rich parian goods. The above are the importation of Messrs. Russeldorf & Co.
Among the artists represented are G. Sulos, of Rome; A. Schilling, of Vienna; Lach, of Brussels; Schaffer, Puttner, Friedlander and Schiringer, of Vienna; De Plon Godel, of Munich; Diaz, Billet and Jules Noel, of Paris; Gerhard Duow, Boddington, of London; Armfield, Schaeb, of Amsterdam; Horatio McCulloch, W. H. Crome, Watts, Royal Academician, &c., &c. Winterhalter's engravings, and others of high class; superb ormolu and bronze medallion cabinets, sevres painted card stands, rich fancy ormolu goods, bronzes, &c. They can be examined any time before the sale.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer—Salesroom 23 Nassau-st.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL at auction, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19, at 11 o'clock, at the salesroom No. 23 Nassau-st., valuable invoice of wines, liquors, &c., to be sold without reserve to close the stock of an importer: old brandy, 1835; Belle Fleur brandy very fine; O. D. brandy, do.; Iondon Dock; Port, Malmsey, Madeira, Topay, Sherry; fine old rum, whisky, claret, Sauterne; 10 baskets Charles Heidsieck champagne; soliel champagne, Philadelphia brand, superior to any in this market, with other brands and other choice wines and liquors. Also, immediately after the above, we shall close a few lots remaining unsold from Assignee's sale of Dec. 10 and 27, viz.: fine sherries, P. G., 1846; Mansanilla, old, J. & W. M., 1848; S. O. P. old Q., &c.; whisky, rum, gin, and a few M Havana Cigars.

J. BOGART, Auctioneer.
BY S. BOGART, STORE NO. 1 NORTH WILLIAM-STREET.—SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of attachment to me directed and delivered, and by an order granted by the Hon Josiah Sutherland, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court I will expose to sale, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of January, 1859, at 12½ o'clock P. M., at No. 1 North William-st., in the City of New-York, a large quantity of Hemp and Tarred Rope, Canvas, &c. JAMES C. WILLETT, late Sheriff.

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AUCTION NOTICE.—CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE.—A large and choice stock, THIS DAY, (Tuesday,) Jan. 18, at 10 o'clock, at No. 281 Pearl-st., by BARTLETT & CONDEN, all kinds of salable goods, in lots to suit City and country dealers. Sales positive for cash.

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ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, AT 10 1-2 o'clock, at No. 33 Cortlandt-st., 1,000 cases Boots and Shoes, being the balance of the stock of A. BRAGG & CO. Terms made known on day of sale.

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BY ALBERT H. NICOLAY, OFFICE NO. 30 BROAD-STREET.—Regular auction sales of Stocks and Bonds at the Merchants' Exchange, EVERY DAY. Stocks and Bonds bought and sold at private sale, and at the Board of Brokers.
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COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ELI M. ROBBINS, (late of Portsmouth, N. H.,) GEORGE R. ROYCE, GERSHOM N. HARD, who respectively reside in the City of New York, and EMERY E. CHILDS and PETER B. ACKER, who respectively reside in the city of Brooklyn, and GUSTAVUS A. AUSTIN, who resides at Orwell, Addison County, Vermont, and WILLIAM NELSON, who resides at Peekskill, N. Y., have formed a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New-York, under the name or firm of ROBBINS, ROYCE & HARD, for the purpose of carrying on the gen ral dry goods business in the City of New-York, in which all the parties interested are the said Eli M. Robbins, George E. Royce, Gershom N. Hard, Emery E. Childs and Peter B. Acker, who are the general partners, and the said Gustavus A. Austin and the said William Nelson are the special partners; that the said Austin has contributed the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars as capital, and the said Nelson has contributed the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars as capital towards the common stock; and that the said partnership is to commence on the 1st day of January, 1859, and is to terminate on the 1st day of January, 1862.
ELI M. ROBBINS,
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GERSHOM N. HARD,
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Dated at New-York, the 1st of January, 1859.
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NOTICE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP.—A limited partnership has this day been formed between the undersigned, pursuant to the Statutes of the State of New-York, under the firm of DICKERSON, WHITTEMORE & REED. The nature of the business to be transacted is the importation and sale of metals, and dealing in merchandise generally. The general partners interested therein are JOHN S. DICKERSON, whose place of residence is New-York; WILLIAM T. WHITTEMORE, whose place of residence is Liverpool; and EDGAR REED, whose place of residence is New-York. The special partner interested therein is PETER H. VANDERVOORT, who resides in New-York; and, as such special partner, has contributed to the common stock, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The period at which this partnership is to commence is January 1, 1859, and to continue for two years, to wit: until January 1, 1861, when it will terminate.
Dated NEW-YORK, December 30, 1858.
JOHN S. DICKERSON,
WM. T. WHITTEMORE,
By Clinton Gilbert, Att'y.
EDGAR REED.
P. H. VANDERVOORT,
Special Partner.

DISSOLUTION.—THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned under the firm of VANDERVOORT, DICKERSON & CO., New-York, and WHITTEMORE & CO., Liverpool, expires this day by its own limitation. Either partner will sign in liquidation.—Dated NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1858.
P. H. VANDERVOORT.
JOHN S. DICKERSON.
WM. T. WHITTEMORE,
By C. Gilbert, Att'y.
EDGAR REED.

The undersigned will continue their business in Liverpool, England, under the firm of WHITTEMORE & CO.—Dated NEW-YORK, Jan 1, 1859.
P. H. AANDERVOORT.
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DISSOLUTION.—AS THE BUSINESS OF THE firm of A. J. WHITE & CO. has been sold, thus dissolving the firm, I give notice that I am no longer connected in business with GEORGE W. COMSTOCK, WILLIAM H. COMSTOCK or BALDWIN L. JUDSON. Parties having business with me will call at No. 10 Cortlandt-st., opposite the Western Hotel
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DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The Copartnership heretofore existing between GEO. A. COX and ROBT. T. WILDE, under the firm of GEO. A. COX & CO., expired by limitation Dec. 31, 1858.
GEO. A. COX, having purchased the interest of R. T. WILDE, will continue the manufacture of Bonnet Frames at the old stand, No. 111 Chambers-st.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY entered into copartnership under the name and firm of FLEMING & SMITH, for the transaction of the Produce Commission business, at No. 312 Greenwich-st.
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Also, an extra dividend, or one-half of the rate above named, will be allowed and paid in the same manner.
Interest not called for will remain as principal, drawing interest from 1st inst.
This Bank is open for business daily from 10 to 2 o'clock, and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5 to 7 o'clock, at No. 130 Bowery.
By order of the Trustees.
THOMAS JEREMIAH, President.
G. H. COGGESHALL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 13, 1859.
AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, held on the 11th inst., the following gentlemen were elected:

JAMES N. COBB,	JOHN Q. JONES,
WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL,	FELIX INGOLDSBY,
ROBERT RAY,	PHILIP V. HOFFMAN,
ROBERT L. KENNEDY,	DANIEL B. FEARING,
PHILIP M. LYDIG,	JOSEPH SAMPSON,
ANSON LIVINGSTON,	WILLIAM S. HERRIMAN,
	GEORGE A. JONES.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board the following elections were unanimous JAMES N. COBB reelected President; A. J. CLINTON elected Secretary, and I. D. COLE, Jr., Assistant Secretary.
A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

SAINT NICHOLAS BANK—NO. 7 WALL-STREET.—NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1859.—ELECTION.—At an election for Directors of this Bank, and for Inspectors of the next Election, held this day at the Banking House, the following named gentlemen were duly elected:
DIRECTORS—Caleb Barstow, Wm. D. Thompson, Joseph W. Corlies, J. Lee Smith, D. Henry Haight, James Myers, Andrew Comstock, Alwin Zchleicher, Wm. R Fosdick, Edward C. Bogert, John H. Earle, Albert O. Parmelee, Joshua L. Pope, Wm. G. Tanks, Isaac H. Frothingham.
INSPECTORS—Wm. Harsell, Martin Bates, Jr., Louis Struller.
At a subsequent meeting of the Board, CALEB BARSTOW, Esq., was unanimously reelected President.
A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 54 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, —At the annual election held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors:
WM. PHELPS, JNO. J. DORTIC,
WM. H. SLOCUM, CHAS. G. GUNTHER,
CHAS. M. CHURCH,
And BENJ. W. CLAPP, CHAS. E. LEVERIDGE and AMOS ROBBINS were elected as Inspectors of the next election.
At a subsequent meeting of the Board JOHN G. STORM was unanimously reelected President.
DAVID DRAKE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1859.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION, NO. 237 BROADWAY, ENTRANCE ON PARK-PLACE.—Depositors are hereby notified that the usual Semi-annual Dividend on all sums entitled thereto, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on sums not exceeding $500, and Five per Cent. over $500, will be paid on and after Monday, Jan. 17. Interest not called for will remain as principal and draw interest accordingly from Jan. 1. Bank open daily from 10 to 3 o'clock, and every Monday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE B. WORRELL, Secretary.
PETER CUMMING, Accountant.

BANK OF THE OHIO VALLEY, CINCINNATI, OHIO.—This Bank was established in September last, under the auspices of the State Bank of Ohio.
It deals in Exchanges, makes collections, and remits promptly for them.
It is now remitting to its correspondents in Eastern cities at ¼ per cent premium.
Reference—The American Exchange Bank.
W. W. SCARBOROUGH, President.
W. A. GOODMAN, Cashier.
CINCINNATI, Jan. 12, 1859.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON, AND QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY'S BONDS.—Agreeably to the provisions of the trust mortgage securing said bonds, proposals will be received by the undersigned, at Boston, until noon of Saturday, Jan. 22 next, for the sale and delivery to me, within five days thereafter, of twenty-nine (29, or any portion thereof) of the one thousand dollar bonds of said Company, payable Jan. 1, 1883, for the sinking fund.
CHICAGO, BURLINGTON, AND QUINCY
RAILROAD COMPANY,
By EDWARD L. BAKER, Finance Committee.
BOSTON, Dec. 18, 1858.

$40,000—FOR SALE—FORTY MILWAUKEE and Watertown First Mortgage Eight per Cent Railroad Bonds, $1,000 each. Principal and interest payable in the City of New-York—a part of an issue of $310,000—dated in 1854, and payable 1864. These Bonds are entitled to the confidence of capitalists, presenting as they do undoubted security, at a very low price. Purchasers can have the option of a private guaranty for both principal and interest by paying a consideration for the same. For further and full particulars, apply to S. DRAPER, No. 36 Pine-st.

UNITED STATES AND CANADA.—THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, as Agents for Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO., Bankers, New-York, hereby give notice that they will receive money on account of that firm, for which they will issue, free of charge, LETTERS OF CREDIT or CIRCULAR NOTES of £10 and upwards, similar to those in such extensive use on the Continent of Europe and elsewhere, payable at all the principal cities and towns in the United States, Canada, &c.

BILLS AND NOTES PAYABLE IN CANADA, where the Bank of British North America has Branches or Agencies, collected free of charge, when exchange thereon is provided for.
Drafts granted, and bills purchased and collected on England, Scotland and Ireland, Australia and the British Provinces in North America.
R. C. FERGUSSON, } No. 29
F. H. GRAIN, } William st.,
C. F. SMITH, } New-York.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, NO. 96 WARREN-STREET.—The trustees have ordered that interest be paid depositors at the rate of six per cent. on all sums entitled thereto for the last three and six months, payable on and after the 17th. All interest not called for will draw interest as principal.
M. D. VAN PELT, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

FOR SALE—$12,000.—CLEVELAND CITY 7 PER cent. Water Bonds. A prime security.
STOUT CLEWS & MASON,
Corner Pine and Nassau sts., New-York.

NOTICE.—EAST RIVER BANK.—THE ANNUAL election for 15 Directors and 3 Inspectors of Election of the East River Bank, will be held on TUESDAY, Feb. 1, 1859, at the banking house corner of 3d-av. and 5th-st. Polls open from 12 noon until 1 P. M.
WM. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

P. W. GALLAUDET, NOTE BROKER, NO. 64 Wall-st., New-York.—Particular attention given to the sale of hardware, fancy and dry goods business paper. Collections made in any part of the United States.

FINANCIAL.

GREENWICH SAVINGS BANK,
No. 13 6th-av., cor. of Waverley place.
JANUARY INTEREST FOR 1859.
The Board of Trustees have ordered interest to be paid at the rate of Five per Cent. per annum on all sums entitled thereto of five hundred dollars and under, and upon all sums entitled thereto above five hundred dollars at the rate of Four per Cent. per annum, payable at the Bank during bank hours, on and after the 11th instant. Interest not drawn will be placed to the credit of depositors as principal and draw interest.
The Bank is open daily from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M., and Monday, Wednesday and Friday only from 5 to 7 P. M.
By order of the Board.
FRANCIS T. LUQUEER, President.
WASH. R. VERMILYE, } Secretaries.
JOHN S. DICKERSON, }

BANK OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.—SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT.
Aggregate condition of the BANK OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI and its BRANCHES, on the 31st day of December, 1858:

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Bills discounted		$1,427,545 66
Exchange matured		48,791 50
Exchange maturing		2,140,920 11
Real Estate		129,145 54
State Bonds		176,000 00
Suspended Debt		49,709 74
Protest Account		330 43
Due from Banks		2,961 22
Bank notes on hand of other Banks		216,345 00
Specie on hand		1,394,900 11
Total		$5,556,709 32

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Capital Stock owned by the State	$1,000,000 00	
Capital Stock owned by individuals	1,384,210 00	$2,384,210 00
Bank of the State of Missouri, (old charter)		163,875 37
Due Depositors		770,282 39
Dividends unpaid		3,374 38
Profit and Loss		31,176 25
Interest and Exchange Surplus		43,136 65
Interest and Exchange	176,780 07	
Less Expenses	30,744 15—	146,045 92
Due to Banks		100,292 04
Balance due to Parent Bank from Branches		20,782 57
Contingent Fund		4,782 45
Circulation		1,186,790 00
Total		$5,556,709 32

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK GASLIGHT CO., Jan. 17, 1859.
AT AN ELECTION HELD AT THIS OFFICE on the 10th inst., the following named gentlemen were chosen Directors of this Company for the ensuing year:

WILLIAM W. FOX,	J. PHILLIPS PHŒNIX,
JOSEPH KERNOCHAN,	GUY RICHARDS,
NAJAH TAYLOR,	EDWARD J. WOOLSEY,
JOSEPH WALKER,	JOSEPH SAMPSON,
THOMAS W. PEARSALL,	LINDLEY M. HOFFMAN,
JOHN W. LIVINGSTON,	WILLIAM A. HADDEN,
And WILLIAM C. PICKERSGILL.	

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, WILLIAM W. FOX was unanimously reelected President. JOHN MOWTON, Manager, and C. L. EVERITT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MANHATTAN OIL CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1859.
THE MANHATTAN OIL COMPANY, duly incorporated under the act to authorize the formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes, passed February 17, 1848, and the acts amending the same, hereby report, that the capital stock of said Company is three hundred thousand dollars; that of this sum, stock has been issued to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in payment for, and to the amount of the value of the property purchased by the Company, and necessary for their business.
The remaining sum of fifty thousand dollars has been actually paid to the Company in cash. The amount of the existing debts of the Company, at this date, is sixteen hundred and fourteen 14-100 dollars.
N. T. CARRYL, President.
JAMES M. MOTLEY, Secretary.
TRUSTEES

J. S. Holbrook,	Chas. A. Jarvis,
Edward Learned,	James M. Motley.
N. T. Carryl,	

City and County of New-York, ss.—On this 17th day of January, 1859, personally appeared before me, James M. Motley, Secretary of the Manhattan Oil Company, who being duly sworn, says that the facts stated in the above report are in all respects true, according to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn before me Jan. 17, 1859. GEO. T. HAWS, Commissioner of Deeds.
JAMES M. MOTLEY, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA STATE BONDS.—INTEREST Coupons on California State Bonds, due Jan. 1, 1859, collected or purchased by WILLIAM HOGE & CO., No. 40 Wall-st.

NORWICH AND WORCESTER DIVIDEND Scrip and Bonds of 1860, '64 and '74, purchased by E. A. BENEDICT, No. 39 William-st.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND.
OFFICE REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 16 Wall-st., Jan. 13, 1859.
CAPITAL $150,000.
SURPLUS OVER $100,000.
Capital and Surplus limited to $1,000,000.
☞ THIS COMPANY HAVE TO-DAY DECLARED A dividend of SIX 25-100 DOLLARS PER SHARE, payable to the stockholders on demand.
They have also declared an interest dividend of Six Per Cent. upon their outstanding scrip, payable on TUESDAY, the 8th day of February next, in cash.
They have further declared a scrip dividend on the earned premiums of the year ending the 31st day of December, 1858, of Thirty per Cent., the certificates deliverable to parties entitled thereto on TUESDAY, the 8th day of February next.
The Scrip Dividends declared by this Company for the last five years amount to ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE AND A HALF PER CENT.
ROBERT S. HONE, President.
DUNCAN F. CURRY, Secretary.

49TH DIVIDEND.
BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of ten (10) per cent. on the capital stock, out of the profits of the last six months, payable at their office, No. 16 Merchants' Exchange, New-York, on and after the 1st day of January, 1859.
Transfer books will be closed until the above date.
Also, *Resolved*, That application be made to the Legislature for permission to increase the capital of the Company the sum of fifty-one ($51,000) thousand dollars.
By order,
WM. F. LEGGETT,
DEC. 16, 1858. Secretary.

EXCELSIOR
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 6 Broad-st., New-York.
This Company has declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six Per Cent., payable on the 17th inst.
JAN. 11, 1859. HENRY QUACKENBOSS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Jan. 7, 1859.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—A DIVIDEND OF FIVE per Cent. from the net earnings of this Company for the six months ending Dec. 31, has been declared and made payable to the stockholders respectively, on and after the 1st day of February next. Scrip holders registered in New-York will be paid at the Phenix Bank, and all others at the office of the Treasurer, in Cleveland. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 20th day of January to Feb. 1 inclusive. By order of the Board.
T. P. HANDY, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE HARMONY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 6 Broad-st.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1859.
NINTH DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five Per Cent., payable on demand.
R. O. GLOVER, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—BANK OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—A semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. has been declared on the capital of this Institution. Holders of shares which have been subscribed for in New-York, will receive their dividends on and after 20th January, (instant,) at Bank of Commerce in New York. H. D. VAIL, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—THE BOARD OF Directors of the Bank of New-York have this day declared a dividend of three and one-half (3½) per cent. on the capital stock of the Bank, for the current six months, payable on and after the 1st January next.
The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until the 5th day of January, 1859. W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE SECURITY FIRE INSURANCE CO.—No. 31 Pine-st., (Great Western Buildings, New-York,) Jan. 10 1859.—DIVIDEND.—A Semi-Annual Dividend of Seven (7) per Cent. has been this day declared, payable to Stockholders on demand.
THOMAS W. BIRDSALL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MERCHANTS' INSURANCE COMPANY, Corner of Fulton and Greenwich-sts.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1859.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Fifteen (15) per Cent., payable on and after the 10th day of January, 1859. J. L. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NASSAU FIRE INS. CO., BROOKLYN, Jan. 3, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of ten (10) per cent., payable on demand at this office, No. 10 Court-st., Brooklyn. A. J. BEEKMAN, Secretary.

EAST RIVER BANK.—NEW-YORK, JAN. 15, 1859.—DIVIDEND.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Three and One-half per Cent. has been declared, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 17, next. The transfer books will be closed until the day of payment.
W. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, office No. 8 Wall-st., New-York.—NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1859.—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared their regular Semi-annual Dividend of Eight (8) per Cent., payable on demand. By order,
J. H. PINKNEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUMBOLDT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 10 WALL-ST.—NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on demand.
W. MULLIGAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.—NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1859.—The Board of Directors have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Six per Cent., payable on demand.
W. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 29 WALL-ST.—NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1859.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Eight (8) per Cent. will be paid to the stockholders of this Company on and after the 17th inst. RICH'D A. OAKLEY, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE HOPE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 33 Wall-st.—NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1859.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on demand.
By order. THOMAS GREENLEAF, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—"CLINTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY."—NEW-YORK, Jan. 6, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Seven per Cent. payable on demand.
J. B. AMES, Jr., Secretary.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

ALES! ALES! ALES!—PRIVATE FAMILIES and clubs can be supplied with Smith's Philadelphia Ale in half-barrels, Allsopp's East India Pale Ale, in kegs; Barclay & Perkin's London Porter, in demijohns, kegs and bottles. I have also constantly on hand one of the best-selected assortments of choice wines and brandies to be found in this City, and at prices which defy competition. G. E. MENDUM,
Wine Vault, No. 18 Wall-st.

SHIPPING.

COLEMAN'S CALIFORNIA LINE.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
Clipper Ship
YOUNG AMERICA,
D. S. BABCOCK, Commander,
Pier No. 15 East River.
This unrivalled clipper having been delayed in her loading by the inclemency of the weather, the agents beg leave to notify shippers that she will continue to receive freight, and be dispatched positively on or before SATURDAY, Jan. 22. WM. T. COLEMAN & CO.,
No. 88 Wall-st., Pontine Building.
Agents in San Francisco, WM. T. COLEMAN & CO.
N. B.—We give personal attention and care to the handling and stowing of cargo.

COLEMAN'S
CALIFORNIA LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
SAILING, REGULARLY ON ADVERTISED DAYS.
SATURDAY, JAN. 22.
The fast sailing clipper ship
DICTATOR,
ZEREGA, Commander, is now rapidly loading at Pier No. 14, East River. This elegant and substantial clipper has been built expressly for the California trade, having all the improved ventilations, and has always delivered her cargoes in superior condition, offers great inducements to shippers desirous of landing their goods in San Francisco free from sweat and other damage. She insures at the lowest rates, and having large engagements, will be dispatched on her advertised day.
N. B.—No Sal Soda taken on vessels of this line.
For balance of freight apply to
WM. T. COLEMAN & CO.,
No. 88 Wall-st., Tontine Building.

FOR NASSAU, N. P., AND HAVANA.
The British and North American Royal Mail steamship KANNAK, Capt. BROWNLESS, will sail from the Company's wharf at Jersey City, for the above ports, after the arrival of the steamship ASIA, (leaving Liverpool Jan 22,) probably 7th of February.
Passage money to Nassau $45
Passage money to Havana 60
Passage money between Havana and Nassau 15
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage $130

KANSAS.

The Insurrectionary Movement in Southern Kansas—General News.

MAPLETON, Monday, Jan. 3, 1859.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

The past two weeks Southern Kansas has been in a state of revolt and human life is sacrificed again to the Moloch of party frenzy. I have been tracing the web of "current reports" the last few days in regard to the material facts in these lower counties that have caused this new outbreak of threatening revolution. After mingling with the people a full week I shall give such a version as the evidence will warrant, divested, as far as possible, of party coloring. None pretend to deny that this is a renewal of the old issue of '55 and '56, with local modifications, and that the party representing the Anti-Slavery sentiment has been quiet since the settlement by Governor DENVER, until they were goaded, and arrested and besieged, in open violation of the amnesty, so far that longer submission was incompatible with honor or manly freedom. I know well that the import of that agreement between Governor DENVER and other Federal officers on the one part, and Captain MONTGOMERY and the people on the other, has been a matter of controversy, and I know equally well that Governor DENVER, in a begging manner, requested that what he said at that time should not be on paper in full, because he wanted to present a fair record at Washington, and *his reputation* would suffer to have BUCHANAN know just what kind of a truce he had made with MONTGOMERY. Therefore, he did not see MONTGOMERY, but used an amanuensis. I am not anxious to expose the Governor now, so far as to publish all he then agreed to in private. This should be understood, however, that MONTGOMERY and his men have strictly lived up to the spirit of that agreement and are still only contending for its enforcement.

It must be evident to all that the past has been full of what the law terms crimes, and that nearly every man who has been in Kansas three years, irrespective of party, has committed acts, for which a jury differing from him politically, might well indict and convict him. To open this field, would only involve the whole country in endless litigation, that would lead to civil discord, and probably to blood. All Northern Kansas has taken the precaution therefore to abstain from all interference with the past, in the courts. But Fort Scott has over a dozen lawyers who are nearly starved out, and hunger compels them to start a chase after the Free-State men in this vicinity. Perhaps this, as much as any one cause, has produced these late scenes of horror and distress. The Free-State men have boldly met their intrigues, thus far, and will do so in future. Public sentiment generally sustains MONTGOMERY, wherever I have traveled, even in acts that those at a distance would consider rash. For instance, it is now well ascertained that JOHN LITTLE, who was recently killed at Fort Scott, was one of the party who made the murderous attack upon MONTGOMERY in the night time a few weeks since.

I am now suddenly called to Fort Scott (about 18 miles) this morning, and must therefore abbreviate a few facts and close. In Linn County, as well as this, our friends are all anxious for peace, but not at the price of dishonor. When in Linn County last week to obtain this end if possible, the following instrument was drawn up for the signatures of the active men upon both sides of the lines, and of all parties. Here is a copy:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Kansas and Missouri, being greatly desirous of securing a permanent peace to the people of the Territory generally, and to the people along the border of Missouri and Kansas in particular, have hereby entered into the following agreement and understanding for our future guidance and action, to wit:

First—All criminal proceedings against any and all men, for any action of theirs connected with our political difficulties previous to this day, shall be forever discontinued and quashed.

Second—All active political men who have already been forcibly driven from the Territory, for *crimes committed*, shall remain away as a just punishment for the same. This does not apply to those who have left the Territory voluntarily through fear.

Third—No troops or Marshal or other officer of the General Government shall be sent for or called in to enforce or serve criminal processes against any man for any act prior to this date.

Fourth—All parties shall hereafter in good faith discontinue and thoroughly discountenance all acts of robbery, theft or violence of any kind, against any person, on account of political differences; and we will use all reasonable exertions to bring to justice any one who may hereafter offend against this agreement.

KANSAS TERRITORY, Jan. 1, 1859.

AUGUSTUS WATTLES,
JOHN BROWN,
WM. HUTCHINSON,
JAMES MONTGOMERY,
O. P. BAYNE,
And others.

This will be signed, we expect, by all except a few Federal officials who think more of their fees than of the rights of their neighbors. In Bourbon County the same paper is circulating, and at a large mass meeting of the citizens of this county, at Dayton, on Saturday last, the substance of the same agreement was adopted without one dissenting voice.

A violent Pro-Slavery horse-thief, named INGRAHAM, was shot, when in the act of stealing a horse a few nights since, on the Dry Wood, in the southern part of this county. Old BROWN makes no secret that he took ten slaves out of Bates County, Mo., a short time since. He was visited by one of the slaves first, who importuned him to help him away, as they (his family) were all to be sold the next Thursday. No violence was committed by this party, but another, on the other side of the Osage, killed a slaveholder the same night, who refused to give up his slaves.

There is no armed force in the field now, but we hear rumors that BROCKETT and others are rallying a force for an attack from Missouri. A few nights since a Pro-Slavery man's house was burnt in Missouri, near the trading-post on the Osage, where the eleven men were shot last May.

The Governor has taken no active measures yet to restore quiet. Sheriff WALKER returned to Lawrence last week without making any arrests, or recommending any. The same as last Summer, he believed it was of no use to arrest MONTGOMERY. He will recommend to the Governor to have a new election in this county, as they have never yet elected their own civil officers. The present Sheriff and Marshal are very obnoxious. A company has been enlisted around Fort Scott, by order of the Governor, to protect the town, but it is said they are mostly strangers, probably from Missouri. A pretty *posse*. Drunken JOHN HAMILTON is in command.

RANDOLPH.

Kansas Affairs—Gov. Medary's Message.

We have published a brief abstract of Governor MEDARY'S Message. The following extracts are interesting:

"As the subject of forming a State Constitution and asking admission into the Union has been extensively agitated, it might be expected that I should allude to it in this place. In doing so I shall speak of it only in a practical sense; it has no necessary political connection. The Territorial condition is certainly not desirable for a large and wealthy community; it is a transition state from youth to manhood, from weakness to strength. It is a question with the people of Kansas, whether they are prepared to assume the weighty responsibilities of a State Government. Personal ambition should not be permitted to step in between them and their true interests. The question should be discussed in all its bearings, and brought to a decision favorable to the interests of the whole people. Population has much to do with the question, it is true, but to the people of Kansas, who have the expense of Government to pay out of their own pockets, their ability to do so is of deep interest to them, and should not be overlooked.

The Comptroller estimates that the taxable property of the Territory at this time amounts to $25,000,000, and considers the estimate reasonable. It should be remembered that, in addition to this estimate, a very large amount of the real estimate of the Territory is held by preëmptors, which, they not having completed their titles, is not subject to assessment and taxation.

It is with unfeigned regret that it becomes my duty to call your attention to the very serious disturbances and violations of law which exist in the Southeast portion of the Territory, principally confined to the counties of Bourbon and Linn. I would approach this unpleasant subject with more delicacy, were it not that the lives and property of the people in that district, demand the most prompt attention, and there is no authority that I can approach with so much freedom as that of the law-making power of the Territory.

Of the differences of opinion growing out of past political strifes, it is not my province to speak. Free from the animosities and prejudices resulting from them—ignorant of their unwritten history, and doubtful of much which has been placed on record, I would not wish to approach the subject were it within the range of Executive duties. The Organic Act, which is the written law for our guidance, imposes no duties but those of obedience to its provisions. To this Act, and the laws passed by the Legislative power in accordance with it, it is my duty to confine myself, and see that they are properly enforced. Looking wholly to the good of the people, and seeking my reward in the justification of my conduct, I am prepared to unite with you, in the most cordial manner, for the adoption of such measures as shall restore order; promote peace and good will; bring confidence out of mistrust; add to the general prosperity, and secure life and property to the inmates of every hamlet in the Territory.

Kansas has long enough been the scape-goat of political parties and political demagogues outside the Territory. She has a character of her own to make; she has interests of her own to subserve; she has rights to wield through her own intelligence, and on her own responsibility, without gratuities by way of advice from those who have enough to do if they would look after their own affairs. Thousands are looking to these broad prairies, rich beyond estimate in their agricultural abilities, with a climate healthful and invigorating, for homes for themselves and their children. Millions of capital is ready to be invested in our midst, confident of abundant returns. But without quiet and protection, all other blessings will not avail.

I will, if necessary to the restoration of order and the preservation of our citizens, bring to your aid all the power placed at my discretion by the Executive of the nation, whose sole desire is your peace, welfare and protection. For its proper use I will have to render a just accountability. Such facts as are in my possession in relation to these unfortunate troubles, are at the service of your body for your examination; and I may at an early day, with other accumulating testimony, make it the subject of a special communication."

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

INCREASING THE TAX LEVY.

The lobby was crowded with spectators last evening, for it was expected that there would be a further debate with regard to the City Inspectorship. That subject, however, was not considered, but to-day it will be before the Committee to which the nomination of the Mayor was referred, which meets at 12 M. A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, setting forth that parties were constantly complaining at his office that assessments which had been paid were not entered on the Book of Records as discharged; and suggesting that all such assessments, for the payment of which receipts were found, should be entered as discharged of record, by some suitable person authorized to do so, on presentation of the original bill and receipt, and on filing in the office a duplicate bill and receipt, with affidavit of such payment, signed and sworn to by the person who made such payment. The communication was referred to the joint Committee on Accounts.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, in which he states, in reply to a resolution of the Board, that there is no record in the department of any lease of the pier at the foot of Chambers-street for the purpose of establishing a ferry to Pavonia-avenue, "in the State of New-Jersey," but that the late Comptroller (Feb. 15, 1854,) sold to the Pavonia Ferry Company the lease of the ferry privilege referred to for 10 years at $9,050 per annum; that the Company had never executed the proper instrument; but that the rent had been regularly paid by the New-York and Erie Railroad Company, and receipts given acknowledging such payment as for the Pavonia Company. The communication was referred to the Committee on Ferries.

Part of the report of the Special Committee on the tax levy of 1859, previously presented, was read and the following items were amended as indicated below: For fitting up Tompkins-square, $8,000 instead of $6,000; $3,500 for a lot for Hook and Ladder Company No. 9, in addition to $4,500 for a house: for Hook and Ladder Company No. 11, $5,000 more for the same purpose; for Engine Company No. 18, $5,000 more for the same purpose; $6,200 for a new location for Engine Company No. 41; $12,000 for a house and lot for Hose Company No. 4; $8,000 instead of $5,000 for gas for Fire Companies; $35,000 instead of $15,000 for Printing for Departments.

A motion made by Alderman BOOLE to amend by striking out the provision for the law department, and inserting the amounts as stated in a communication from the law department, was carried. The total estimate of these expenses is $68,750, which includes the bureau of Public Administration, and the bureau of the Corporation Counsel.

Alderman BRADY moved to strike out the appropriation of $25,000 for the expenses of the Cable Celebration, which was lost.

At this point the Board adjourned to Thursday.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

USING THE BATTERY FOR FERRY PURPOSES—REMOVAL OF STANDS AROUND THE MARKETS, AND OF WASHINGTON MARKET—FRAUDS IN THE SALE OF COAL.

The Board met yesterday afternoon. President CORNELL offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A part of the southeastern portion of the Battery is being used for ferry purposes, and inasmuch as there is no power in this City to lease any portion of the Battery for mercantile or business purposes, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to report, at the earliest period, by what authority a portion of the Battery is used for ferry purposes, and what amount of rent, if any, is paid to the City for the privilege. Adopted.

President CORNELL also offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, directing the Comptroller to advertise for sale at auction, the lease of a ferry to run from the foot of Battery-place to Staten Island, for a term not exceeding ten years.

Councilman PLATT offered a resolution setting forth the inconvenience of having so many stands around Fulton and other markets, and ordering the Committee on Markets to report whether the erection of these stands is not a violation of the City ordinances. Should it not be found that it is a violation, the resolution orders the Committee to report an ordinance against these stands. Referred to the Committee on Markets.

The same gentleman offered a resolution directing the Committee on Markets to report on the expediency of removing Washington Market from its present locality to some more favorable spot on the North River, and also as to what locality is most desirable, at what price it can be obtained, and the cost of a proper and suitable building for the market. Referred.

A resolution was presented by Councilman ROSS, directing that the Committee on Finance should be increased to five, and that two Republican members should be added to the Committee. Laid over.

President CORNELL offered a resolution directing the Committee on Lands and Places to report upon the present condition of Reservoir-square, and as to whether it is expedient for the Common Council to take any action "in order to place said square in an ornamental condition."

Councilman VAN TINE submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, Among citizens, generally, there is a constant complaint in regard to the difficulty in detecting fraud in the present manner of weighing coal in this City; and,

Whereas, It is very evident that if no fraud does really exist many honest dealers are unjustly suspected, and furthermore, that in reference to an article of such general use and necessity—the sales of coal in this City amounting to nearly or quite one million tons annually—and where fraud, if any is perpetrated, falls so heavily upon a large portion of our poorer citizens, it is very necessary that some mode should be adopted whereby fraud can be readily detected and exposed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Special Committee of Three be appointed to bring in a report as to the present manner of weighing coal in this City, and to determine whether some mode cannot be adopted whereby the interests of the City and of the citizens may be better protected in this matter. Adopted.

President CORNELL offered a resolution referring the subjects mentioned in the Mayor's Message to the appropriate Committees. On motion of Mr. OTTARSON, laid over.

The ordinance with reference to the sprinkling of salt in streets, which has already passed the Board of Aldermen, was received and referred to the Committee on Cleaning Streets.

Councilman ALLEN submitted the subjoined preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The claim of JAMES G. MCADAM to a seat in this Board, as one of the councilmen elected, was referred to a Committee on the 3d of January, 1859, and

Whereas, It is important to have the question of Mr. MCADAM'S right to a seat in the Board settled as early as possible; therefore be it

Resolved, That as said Committee to whom this matter was referred have taken no action thereon as yet, that said Committee be ordered to proceed, at an early day, or that they be requested to resign, and that the said matter be referred to some other Committee. Laid on the table.

JULES VEINNOT submitted a proposition relative to the erection of public urinals. The plan is the same as that brought to the notice of the last Board. It was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider the rules of the Board was received, and ordered to be printed.

The resolutions by Alderman BOOLE, directing the Joint Committee on Accounts to take possession of the books and papers of the previous Committee, and instructing them to complete the investigation, were made the special order for next Monday.

The Revolution in Hayti.

The following news was telegraphed to us on Sunday night, and appeared in Monday's paper, but in so imperfect a shape that we deem its republication essential. We copy from the Boston *Herald*:

"Capt. HIGGINS, of the schooner *North Wind*, which arrived below yesterday forenoon, reports at PALMER'S News Room, that when he left Gonaives, San Domingo, Jan. 1, a revolution had been successfully consummated by the Republicans under Gen. JEFFARDS, (one of SOULOUQUE'S Generals,) against the Haytien Government. On the 22d of December last, JEFFARDS entered the city of Gonaives with only four men, and the citizens joined him and proclaimed him President of Hayti. Aux Cayes, Jacmel, and all the southern part of Hayti, have declared in favor of JEFFARDS and the new republic.

On the night of the 1st of January, the schooner, on passing St. Mark's, saw the place in flames in about fifty places. In St. Marks the citizens were somewhat divided, but in others there was no opposition to the Jeffards Party. It is supposed that the Republicans had entered St. Mark's and burned the place. It was strongly fortified, and was the Gibraltar of the Island.

Business had been entirely suspended in all the ports in the southern portion of the island.

The next State Fair of Indiana is to be held at New-Albany.

[Advertisement.]

WORTH KNOWING.—*Prolapsus Uteri* in its simpler forms can sometimes be cured by one visit. The more aggravated cases of this and kindred diseases are soon brought under control by Motorpathy—a system of therapeutics now known to be reliable. We have on register hundreds of names to living witnesses of cures, where patients were brought on beds after lying for years helpless. This treatment, with other auxiliaries used in the Institution, gives vitality and force to the functional powers of all the organs, increasing the mental powers and constitutional strength. In short, it makes the enfeebled and delicate into healthy and vigorous men and women. It obviates spinal weakness and irritation, in which many organic difficulties originate; and takes a firm curative hold on most chronic diseases. Cold weather is favorable for a more speedy recovery. Institution open Summer and Winter. Visits are occasionally made. Circulars sent *gratis*. Treatise on Motorpathy 25 cents. Address H. HALSTED, M. D., Round Hill Water Cure, Northampton, Mass.

NOTE.—Dr. HALSTED will be in New-York (at the St. Nicholas Hotel) Tuesday and Wednesday each week, during Winter, to treat such as cannot go to the Institution. Calls received from 10 to 3, and from 6 to 7 P. M.

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HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Sore leg and all ulcers, eruptions, and injuries of the flesh, heal kindly and swiftly under the operation of the Ointment, and the Pills, by their gentle aperient action, assist the cure. Sold at 80 Maiden-lane, N. Y.

[Advertisement.]

GAYETTY'S MEDICATED PAPER.
READ AND LEARN.

Joseph C. Gayetty, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he originated Medicated Paper for the water closet in the year 1833, and that in the following year he filed his caveat at the Patent Office at Washington, D. C., for a patent. He furthermore deposeth and says that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, he alone—having discovered it—possesses the secret of medicating paper so as to cure and prevent Piles, and that the machinery by which it is made is so different from that used in ordinary paper mills, that no one could adopt it without his aid. He also declares that the process of manufacture is costly, and cannot be sustained excepting by large capitalists. In conclusion, he swears that he has investigated an imitation of Gayetty's Medicated Paper for the water closet, and has found it to be a base article—mere cheap, ordinary, yellow mailing paper—calendared, from the chemicals it contains, to aggravate the disease which its bogus doctor proprietor declares it will cure. JOSEPH C. GAYETTY.

Sworn to before me, the 13th day of January, 1859.
JAS. G. COOPER, Comm'r of Deeds.

Only dépôt of the discoverer, No. 41 Ann-street, where the paper can be had at wholesale and retail. For sale at all HEGEMAN, CLARK & Co's. stores, and by all other respectable druggists.

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TO MLLE. PICCOLOMINI.

DEAR AND GOOD YOUNG LADY: Owing to circumstances entirely beyond my control, I have not been able to communicate with you personally, but in the February number of the *Great Republic Monthly*, I have ventured to address you a few remarks.

WILKINS MICAWBER.

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HUNGARIAN WINES.—Sample cases of these delicious wines, $5, containing four bottles Claret, four Hock, two Champagne and two Dessert. FREUND & GROSSINGER, Importers, No. 170 Water-street.

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HERRING'S Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes, No. 251 Broadway, corner of Murray-street, opposite City Hall, New-York.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

FOR EUROPE.

Names.	Date.	Leaves.	For.
Africa	Jan. 19	New-York	Liverpool.
Glasgow	Jan. 22	New-York	Glasgow.
North American	Jan. 22	Portland	Liverpool.
Niagara	Jan. 26	Boston	Liverpool.
Circassian	Jan. 27	New-York	Galway.
City of Washington	Jan. 29	New-York	Liverpool.
Europa	Feb. 2	New-York	Liverpool.
Arago	Feb. 5	New-York	Southam'n.

FROM EUROPE.

City of Wash'ngton	Jan. 5	Liverpool	New-York.
Circassian	Jan. 8	Galway	New-York.
Europa	Jan. 8	Liverpool	New-York.
New-York	Jan. 8	Bremen	New-York.
Arago	Jan. 12	Southamp'n	New-York.
Arabia	Jan. 15	Liverpool	New-York.
Kangaroo	Jan. 19	Liverpool	New-York.
Edinburg	Jan. 22	Glasgow	New-York.
Asia	Jan. 22	Liverpool	New-York.

FOR THE PACIFIC COAST.

Moses Taylor	Jan. 20	New-York	Aspinwall.
Quaker City	Jan. 22	New-Orleans	Minatitlan

FOR MEXICO.

Tennessee	Feb. 1	New-Orleans	Vera Cruz.

FOR HAVANA.

Philadelphia	Jan. 18	New-York	Havana.
Isabel	Jan. 19	Charleston	Havana.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 17.

$10,000	Ohio State 6s '86	107	1050	Erie Railroad	13½
49,000	Mo. State 6s	86½	500	do	b30 13⅝
1,000	Cal. St. 7s N. B.	86½	5	do	13⅝
500	Ind. State 2½s	62	600	do	13¾
5,000	N. Y. Cen. 8s, '76	103½	50	Hud. R. R.	34½
2,000	N. Y. Cen R. 7s	102	50	do	34⅜
4,000	E. RR. Ct. Bs. '71	39	100	do	34⅝
2,000	Harlem 2d m. bs.	94	450	Har. R. R. Pref.	38⅝
1,000	Mich. S. 2d m. bs.	63½	150	do	38¾
1,000	Mich. So. S. F. bs.	74¾	100	do	s60 38¾
1,000	Ill. Cen. R. R bs.	89	200	do	b60 38¾
3,000	Ill. Freeland bs.	80	100	do	b60 39
3,000	T. H. & A. 2d m.	44	100	Harlem R.R.	b60 13⅝
4,000	LaC. & M. L. G. bs.	23½	1500	Reading R.R.	51
1,000	do	23	200	do	b60 51
5,000	N. J. C. 2d m. bs.	92¾	50	do	50⅞
30	Bk. of New-York	106¾	400	do	s10 51
10	Continental Bank	100¾	600	do	51
48	do	100¾	50	Mich. Cen. R. R.	b60 52
38	Park Bank	106	50	do	51⅝
57	D. & H. Canal Co.	99¾	450	do	51⅞
10	do	99½	150	do	52
275	Pacific M. Stp. Co.	90	100	do	b30 52
50	do	b60 9⅜	300	M. So. & N. Ia. G. S.	47¾
5	do	90¾	200	Panama Railroad	116
100	do	90⅞	100	Ill. Central R. R.	68½
100	do	b30 90	200	do	s10 68
50	do	s60 89	600	do	s3 68
50	do	s30 89⅜	300	Ga. & Chicago R.R.	71¼
100	Canton Co.	20¼	500	do	71⅜
100	do	b60 20⅜	500	do	s30 71½
50	Penn. Coal Co.	83½	100	do	s60 71
250	do	83⅜	1200	Clev. & Tol. R.R.	32
300	do	83¼	50	do	s30 31⅞
200	do	83⅛	100	do	b60 32
200	do	b60 83⅛	50	Chic. & Rk. Is. R.	b3 60
1160	New-York Cen. R.	85	300	do	60
350	do	s3 84⅞	100	do	b60 60¼
950	do	84¾	100	do	at 30 60
50	do	s15 84¾	350	do	60⅜
100	do	s4 84⅞	50	do	b3 60¾
50	do	b3 84⅞	500	La Crosse & Mil. R.	1⅞
100	do	b10 85	10	New-Haven & H. R.	122
250	do	84⅞	50	Cumberland pref.	22¾
100	do	s10 84⅞			

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000	Nor. Car. Sts. 6s.	88	32 Erie Railroad 13⅜
1,000	Tennessee 6s, '90.	91⅞	100 do 13⅜
4,000	Virginia 6s	96⅞	100 Hud. Riv. RR 34½
1,000	do	96¾	100 Harlem Railroad 13⅜
1,000	Missouri State 6s.	86½	200 do b60 13⅜
5,000	Erie R. Bs. 1875	43½	50 La Crosse & Mill. R. 1⅝
500	Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	89½	100 Harlem R. Pref. s10 38⅜
7,000	L. C. & M. L. G. Bs.	23½	250 do 38¾
2,000	N. J. C. 2d M. Bds	93	300 Reading R. R. 51⅛
3,000	do	93½	400 do s60 51
1,000	Mi. S. 2d M. Bds.	63½	100 do s10 51⅜
5,000	Harlem 2d M. Bds.	94	1000 do s10 51⅜
3,000	Har. R. 3d M. Bds.	73½	25 Mich. Cen. R.R. 52
1,000	L. E. & W. 2d M. Bs.	52½	150 M. S. & N. I. G. S. 47⅞
5	Bank of New-York	106½	25 Panama R. R. 116½
50	Bank of Commerce	86½	250 Ill. Cen. R. R. 68½
60	Pac. M. Steam Co.	90¾	187 Clev. and Tol. R. 32
100	do	90¾	150 Chic. & Rock Isl. R. 60¼
100	N. Y. Cen. R. R.	b60 85	100 do b60 60
100	do	s10 84⅞	100 do s60 59⅝
800	do	84⅞	50 do s30 59¾
600	do	84¾	200 do 60

REPORTED SALES BY AUCTION.

$2,000	Missouri 6s	86¾	300	Am. Coal. Co.	$6 10
2,000	LaC. & Mil. R 7s.	23	15	Am. Ex Co.	99
4,000	Wis. Cen. R B.	8½	10	Am. Ex. Co.	98
8,000	Mil. & Hor. R. 2d M	10	5	U. S. Ex. Co.	97½
4,000	LaC. & Mil. R 7s.	23	10	U. S. Ex. Co.	99
5,000	Mil. & Miss. R. 8s.	66¾	40	N. Y. & N. H. R. Co.	55½
4,000	Mar. & Cin. 7s.	15	50	N. Y. & Nor. R.	35
1,000	Lexing. City 6s.	10	20	Mechanics Bank	115⅜
3,000	Wat. Cor. 6s.	70½	60	Irving Bank	100⅜
10	Marine Bank	85½	60	Mer. Ex Bank	101¾
15	Bank of Com	101	15	Grocers' Bank	99¾
5	Artisan's Bank	92	80	Butch. & Drov. Bk.	119
10	Hum. Fire Ins. Co.	101	75	Butch. & Drov. Bk.	118⅜
10	New W. Fire Ins. Co.	96	10	Corn Ex. Fire L. Co.	155
50	Fire F. Ins. Co.	100	25	Green. Fire In. Co.	139¼
16	Pacific M. S. Co.	90	10	Great W. Ins. Co.	100
7	Reso. Fire Ins. Co.	107¾	40	Ham. Fire Ins. Co.	77¼
70	Har. Fire Ins. Co.	88¾	10	St Marks Fire L Co.	125⅝
10	Excelsior F. Ins. Co.	119¾	30	Beekman F. In. Co.	115½
15	Excelsior F. Ins. Co.	113¾	29	Wash. Fire Ins. Co.	154½
100	Wall-st. Fire In. Co.	50			

MONDAY, Jan. 17—P. M.

The Weekly Averages of the Banks of the City of New-York, on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1859, present in the aggregate the following changes from the previous exhibit of Jan. 8:

Increase in Loans	$810,602
Increase in Specie	980,894
Decrease in Circulation	344,129
Increase in Undrawn Deposits	2,629,701

Including the Clearing-House operations of the week, which show the interexchanges between the Banks, and including also the Sub-Treasury statement of Saturday, the following is the general comparison with the previous exhibit, and also with the movement this time last season:

COMPARATIVE RECAPITULATION.

	Jan. 15, 1859.	Jan. 8, 1859.	Jan 8, 1859.
Capital	$64,688 000	$67,734,755	$67,734,755
Loans	99,473,762	129,349,245	128 538,643
Specie	30.211,266	29,380,712	28,399,818
Circulation	6,349,325	7,586,163	7.930,292
Gross Deposits	81,790,321	116,053,992	113,800,882
Exchanged	14.066,412	20,597,669	20,974,260
Undrawn	67,733,909	95,456,323	92,826,622
In Sub-Treasury	2,934,063	4,312,987	4,202,151

The feature of the present Statement is the continued large addition to the line of Deposits. The increase is mainly from distant Bank balances, South and West. The Merchants' Bank and Bank of America gain a million of dollars of the $2,629,701 added to last week's average. The Specie line is up nearly a million, and $810,602 is added to the Loans and Discounts. The only falling off in the general movement is a moderate one in Circulation. The exhibit altogether is anything but indicative of increased rates for Money. The market to-day is without alteration from the quotations in our weekly review of this morning. The Exchanges for the *Africa* on Wednesday open steady, at 109¾@109½ on London, and f.5.17½@f.5.16¼ on Paris.

The Stock Exchange is ⅛@⅜ ℔ cent. lower on the active list of Shares than the closing dealings of Saturday. The *Bear* account had control of the market most of the day, and made the heaviest drive at New York Central, on the renewed irumor that Mr. MORAN has fallen out with one of the Southern lines—said to be the Pennsylvania Central, through some of its Western connections—and that this is to lead to the abrogation of the September treaty, and thereby affect the Albany interest as well. The rumor finally assumed this definite shape: that some remonstrances of Mr. MORAN, accompanied by a request for a meeting on the subject, were not, as Mr. M. thought, promptly responded to by the party complained of. This was followed by an intimation from the Erie President that he would give notice for terminating the general arrangement between the four lines. The difficulty has been suspended, however, by a call for a general meeting of the four Presidents for the 26th inst.—the peace-maker in the case being, it is said, Mr. CORNING, of the Albany line. The Central shares left off 84½@⅝. The Erie shares were steady at Saturday's rates, the previous fall being brought about in anticipation of the rumor referred to. The Western shares were also steady through most of the dealings, the closing rates for Rock Island 59½@¾, and Galena 71 ℔ cent. There were some heavy sales of Reading in the forenoon as low as 51@50⅞, but as the Philadelphians were free buyers at the decline, the stock closed rather firm, at the Second Board, at 51⅛@51¼. Illinois Central and Panama were both nearly or quite 1 ℔ cent. weaker. Pacific Mail was pressed, on the general weakness of the early Board, but in the afternoon was steady, at 90½@¾. State Stocks and most of the Railway Bonds were in fair demand, and but sparingly offered. They sympathized but little in the decline in the active or speculative shares, and even these, at the very close, gave indication that the flurry of the day would most likely be followed by a steadier, if not a firmer, state of things to-morrow.

The Albany *Evening Journal* of Saturday says:

"The ordinary annual spasm for the repeal of the laws to prevent usury in the loan of money, is just now in progress in both Houses. Like efforts have been made, during nearly every session for the last twenty years. No bill, we believe, has ever yet been ordered to a third reading; and we are not aware that the people are any more anxious for the passage of the law sought, to-day, than they were twenty years ago. In the House, yesterday, a Special Committee was ordered to consider and report upon the subject. This is construed into a feeling of friendship for the measure on the part of that body. But we infer that it rather indicates the kindly feeling of the majority toward the gentleman who made the motion, than to solicitude for the success of the measure which he has so much at heart."

This paragraph has reference no doubt to the radical effort of Mr. ODPYKE in the Assembly for the total repeal of the Usury laws. A movement in a different direction in the Senate simply to modify the penalty for receiving usance for money in excess of 7 ℔ cent., so that only the interest and not the principal of the debt is forfeited, has probably a fair chance of being adopted: provided the friends of the modification are met in the right spirit by the advocates of repeal. It would seem to be their true policy to be content with the change of penalty, as provided in Senator SLOAN'S movement. Otherwise the strong probability is they will get nothing.

The Governor of the State of *La Crosse* (*née* Wisconsin) says in his late message on financial topics:

"The *credit* of the State is unimpaired! * * It can preserve its credit in the future, *as it has in the past*. * * Its bonds will always be worth a premium, *if it never issues any!*"

Of the Stay Law of 1857, forbidding the foreclosure of Farm Mortgages, His Excellency says a good word, after this fashion:

"In this (a stay of twelve months, and no right of redemption) the State of Wisconsin differs from most other States, *and from almost all civilized nations*. * * The financial depression, not only in Wisconsin, but throughout the entire West, seemed to the Legislature a sufficient reason for the *slight* relief it was thought would be afforded by that law. * * Our laws presented this strange peculiarity; lenders from abroad *were invited* to come here *and loan their money* at most exorbitant and unconscionable rates of interest, such as scarcely any other State ever allowed, and then to foreclose and sweep away the security in the shortest possible time!"

That the Governor is in earnest in what might otherwise seem to be "poking sharp sticks" at his own constituents, is evident from the general context of this extraordinary document. That his final conclusion against free trade in Money is pretty well backed up by what has occurred in his own State, is equally certain.

We are reminded by a correspondent that our information in regard to the increase in the December earnings of the Panama Company was anticipated to the extent of $60,000 on the annual report, this sum being in addition to the earnings then known to the New-York office. The real gain, therefore, is but $15,000. We wrote on the authority of another correspondent, without the report being before us.

The Sub-Treasury received to-day, $123,743; paid out, $85,809; balance this afternoon, $4,350,921.

CITY BANK STATEMENTS.

WEEKLY AVERAGES OF THE NEW-YORK CITY BANKS.

Banks.	Loans. Jan. 17.	Loans. Jan. 8.	Specie. Jan. 17.	Specie. Jan. 8.
Bk. of New-York	4,345,831	4,210,441	1,150,996	1,086,803
Manhattan Co	4,075,461	5,160,313	833,371	974,570
Merchants' Bank	6,235,313	5,891,172	1,017,324	1,851,673
Mechanics' Bank	4,418,007	4,362,709	863,557	1,016,395
Union Bank	3,019,184	2,858,775	709,661	612,945
Bk. of America	6,138,901	6,138,901	2,096,624	2,014,986
Phenix Bank	3,334,833	3,443,906	568,472	573,331
City Bank	1,143,405	1,935,654	499,050	818,291
Tradesmen's Bank	1,211,914	1,225,554	199,949	201,933
Fulton Bank	1,868,554	1,782,768	391,010	379,788
Chemical Bank	1,720,729	1,677,873	1,120,062	1,082,101
Merch. Exch. Bk.	1,113,443	2,015,138	302,595	309,300
National Bank	2,264,103	2,148,012	351,149	573,311
Butch. & Drov. Bk	1,554,649	1,661,223	257,768	248,130
Mech. & Trad. Bk	790,840	790,013	167,148	162,609
Greenwich Bank	663,658	670,702	152,208	122,943
Leather Man. Bk.	2,281,987	2,288,254	346,535	345,970
Seventh Ward Bk	1,304,280	1,295,563	187,061	164,326
Bk. St. New-York	4,142,842	4,229,183	1,041,217	1,107,128
Am. Exchange Bk	8,123,446	8,218,175	1,343,963	1,587,414
Bk. of Commerce	12,358,371	12,754,086	2,379,592	2,144,486
Broadway Bank	2,484,108	2,473